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EFFECTS OF ENVIRONMENTS

THE SOCIAL STATUS EXTENDED BY DIFFERENCE OF KNOWLEDGE.

THE MASSES NEED LIFTING UP.

"It is True that Afro-Americans as a Social Group Possess Distinctive Characteristics, but they are not Essential and Permanent" Says the Writer.

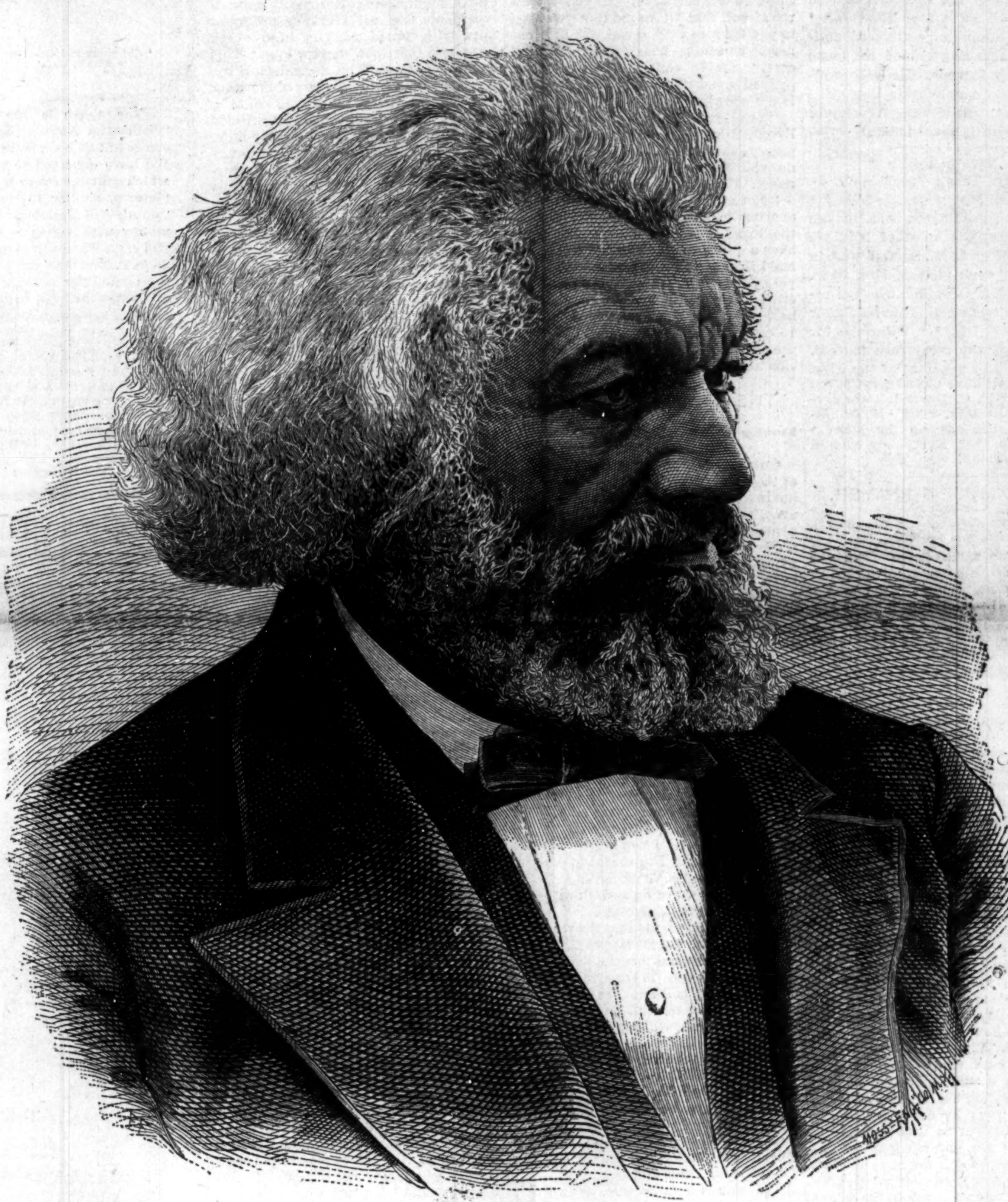
I hold the doctrine that a Negro infant imported from the jungles of Africa and placed in the bosom of a Fifth avenue home and reared exactly as though it were one of the family would show in its matured character not a trait such as are sometimes pointed out as characteristic of the Negro. While the appetencies and limitations that belong to the individual would, of course, exist, nothing that is regarded as a racial characteristic would be discoverable in the character.

I also hold that a white infant taken from the bosom of a royal family and placed in a South Carolina cabin and reared exactly as though it were a bright hued member of the cabin family would posses all of those traits of character that are common to the individual of the Afro-American social community. While the appetencies and perhaps extended limitations inherited by the individual would exist yet they would show in the matured character just as would such qualities in a full blooded Negro who might possess them.

It is true that Afro-Americans as a social group possess distinctive characteristics, but these characteristics are incidental and resultant not essential and permanent. An individual who grows up in a rural district of Vermont and thinks the thoughts and feels the feelings and pursues the interests and activities of that locality to the exclusion of wider thoughts, farther reaching feelings and more extended and varied interests and activities will simply be a rustic no difference if the blood of kings coursed in the veins of his father. It would be a matter to regret that the son of such a father should be dwarfed by such restricted opportunities and it should be the endeavor of good people to see that the conditions be not continued down the generations.

Every child that comes into the world should have a chance to bask in the fullest light of the world's knowledge, and should be exposed to the influence of the world's noblest activities. Whatever is in the child will thus have a chance to be touched and will respond and its character will be developed to the full along its natural lines.

The accident of race should not determine the opportunities that a child is to have in life. But so long as we preserve an Afro-American social community just that long do we doom our youth to exclusion from the full opportunities of growth and development and set for them limitations.


AN OBJECT LESSON FOR THE COLORED YOUTH

I made some such a statement in a paper before the Literary society at the Metropolitan church of Washington, D. C.(and Prof. Dancy, the astute and able editor of the Zion Review asked the very practical and pertinent question, "How are we to avoid doing that very thing in the crowded districts of the south where social prejudices render it impossible to blend the social life of the two races?" I confess that this question has for years confronted me and that it arises at the end of every series of reasoning in which I indulge. It is certain that the existence of the Afro-American as a distinct social group is the nidus from which springs most of the evils from which we suffer as a people; it is certain that if Afro-American children were to grow up without being confined within the narrow range of social life prescribed by existing prejudices they would be, in maturity, just like other people in character and appetencies. But how to dissolve the social group is the question of the hour. I confess that the difficulties in the way are many and great, but I do not regard them as too great to be overcome. I am sure that there are two ways by which the ideas. sympathies and general interests that obtain among other people can reach the minds and hearts of our youth. One way is for our youth to go out into the great world and become a part of it, become one with it. I confess that this course could not be followed by the race enmasse but it can be followed by thousands of individuals.

The second way is for the ideas, sympathies and general interests that stir the rest of the world to be brought to our youth. I confess that this can not be done so effectively as might be desired. But it is the course which we at present chiefly pursue. My friend Prof. Dancy is in touch with the great world, he travels much, he comes in living contact with the world and when he goes back among our people who stay at home he carries with him ideas, sympathies and interests that he is bound to communicate to others and thus to that extent he transforms the character of many by acting as the medium between them and the great world that lies without. Our thousands of teachers and preachers who are themselves in touch with the great world are all, unconsciously, doing this same good work. Our newspapers by means of well selected patent matter do a great deal to convey to the mass thoughts and ideas to which it would otherwise be a stranger.

A hundred cultured Greeks in an ancient Roman town of 50,000 would impart to that town very much of Grecian civilization ni the course of time. In the same way tens of thousands of cultured Afro-American teachers, preachers and editors dwelling among the masses of our people will gradually extend the intellectual and social horizon of the race. The process is slow, very slow, but it is constantly progressive. This is a white man's country so far as the quality of the civilization that is to be dominant is concerned. The Negro has nothing better to offer ,he simply has nothing at all to offer but himself. If he will take in the civilization that surrounds him and become a part of it, he will live and thrive. If he is not able mentally and morally to breath the atmosphere that envelopes him, he will simply drown in it, that is all. This thing I know, we must bring our people to realize that the civilization that those who are to be happy and permanent in America must have life in the world around us and not within the narrow confines of the social group which we constitute and that we must therefore increase our out reach; our endeavors must be outward, a struggling to attain that which lies beyond our present horizon. We must think the thoughts and be moved by the interests that control in the world around us and then we will move with that world and be in that world,—one with all others.

The mass, at present, only sees the great world through the imperfect medium of our educated men and women but one by one individuals are lead to detach themselves from the mass and make their way out into the world. This is the process by which the great man is being dissolved and assimilated by civilization.

Whatever may be the feeling of an Afro-American toward a white man as an individual the truth remains that as a race we must grasp after the civilization that the white man now has. When we master it, when it has done its perfect work in, on and for us, then we may be able to expand and ennoble it. —J. M. Henderson, M. D., Brooklyn. N. Y.

Interesting News Notes.

Logansport, Ind., Special.—The reaper, Death, visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jones on last Thursday morning, taking this time their bright little daughter Della, aged eleven years. The funeral was held last Sunday, at 2:30 p. m., from Bethel A. M. E. church. Rev G. R. Collins officiated. * * Quarterly meting services were held last Sunday at Bethel A. M. E. church communion services were held at 7:30 p. m. presiding elder H. H. Thompson preached the sermon. * * C. Lewis, who has been sick for some time is improving. * * A number of our young people met last Thursday evening at the home of Miss Lottie King for the purpose of organizing a literary club which will be known as the Progressive Literary Club. Miss Maud Winslow was elected president, Miss Amanda Stewart secretary, Miss May Allen chairman of program committee, Geo. Hill critic. * * Mr. John Russell left the city Monday night for Indianapolis to visit relatives. * * Mr. Geo. Pope and Miss Lydia Allen of Sidney, Ill., are in the city and called here to attend the funeral of Della Jones. * * Mr. Hodge, nephew of Mr. Geo. Hodge, the cook has accepted position at the Barnett Hotel. * * The reception given by the Booker T. Washington Club at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carter of 703 Melbourne avenue was a pleasant affair. The house was tastefuly decorated with palms and potted plants. A fine literary program was rendered. At 12 o'clock the guests repaired to the dining room where covers were laid for twenty-five. The affair was complete in every detail as nothing had been spared in making the occasion a grand one.

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PAPER WERE THE READERS OF A HARTFORD, CONN., DAILY.

THE FREEMAN, THE PEOPLE'S PAPER

And it Should be In the Homes of Every Race Loving Citizen—Personal Notes of Interest Scooped by The Freeman's Hustling Correspondent.

Hartford, Conn., Special.—Wm. Taylor made a visit to the city last week after seven years absence. His presence was a treat and surprise. * * Mrs. Grant on the Hill pleasantly entertained Miss Eliza Gardner and others at her home last week. Miss Gardner has become a reader of The Freeman. * * The Freeman is five cents per copy spot cash delivered at your door, and on sale at both barber shops. Don't ask for trust. * * The Phoenix division of K. of P. held public inspection at Bridgewater last week. The Hartford boys made an excellent showing and came out in first rank, bringing back the honors of the day. * * Rev. P. Hamilton White, D.D., field agent for the Evangelical church of America and financial agent for the John Hay Industrial School of Alexandra, Va., was in Hartford this week on a business mission. He is a race man and a good talker. * * Dr. P. H. C. Armes, physician and surgeon, has made a great conquest in Hartford in his field of labor. His great medical genius and sterling activity have not only brought him to the front, but have given him practice in some of the wealthiest and most conservative families of the city. The colored people of Hartford should feel highly honored as he is a shining ornament to their cause. * * R. T. Walker, Hartford's renowned colored artist, is planing to open an art business in Norfolk, Va. Mr. Walker has won a well deserved reputation as an artist. * * One of the leading Hartford morning papers has snubbed its colored readers by deliberately discharging one of its carriers because of his color. The young man in question is the son of Peter Williams on the Hill. Some time ago young Williams secured from a white carrier, a morning route of 192 papers, which paid two dollars and twenty-five cents per week, but in a short time the management of the paper removed young Williams to make room for a white boy. There are more than five times 192 readers of the morning paper in question among the colored people and it would not be an improper thing to do, if the colored people should stop buying the paper unless the colored carrier be replaced. This is an object lesson. Read The Freeman. * * The Freeman representative was royaly entertained last Saturday evening at The Paton restaurant. * * The States Hotel boys regard The Freeman as their friend and companion. Jno. Scott is champion of its interests. Read The Freeman boys, it is an educator, the largest circulated colored paper in the world. * * The Allyn House boys are moving on in harmony. They are said to receive higher wages than from any other hotel in the city. * * The Prospect House has made some changes and added more help. * * Miss Bell Mason still holds directorship of the dining room and Fred Holden at the same old helm. Mrs. Keeo is head cook and Fred Taylor is head man in the dining room. * * Read The Freeman, all the news, five cents per copy, spot cash.

Mob Violence Still Reigns.

The reign or mob violence still goes on. A postmaster and his family at Lake City, S. C., are among the latest victims. There seems to have been no other charge than that he was a colored man holding office under federal appointment. Yet his house was burned and the family mercilessly shot as they tried to escape. Will the government sit by and allow one of its servants to be thus cruelly dealt with without bringing the guilty parties to justice?—The Weekly Sentinel, Memphis, Tenn.

TO SHAKESPEARE'S LOVE.

When my love swears that she is made of truth I do believe her though I know she lies. —Sonnet cxxviii.

O sweet, dead woman, who were you
For whom my Shakspeare sighed
In sonnets that would hold you true,
Although you lied?

In lips that burned upon your own,
Could you not feel his breath
Melodious with Juliet's moan,
And Egypt's death?

Perchance his dream within your arms
Gave Venus back to Greece,
Or consecrated wanton charms
To pure Lucrece.

Alas, we may not know your name,
Your station high or low,
We hold the dead secure from blame,
Yet this I know:

Your passion sought some common clod
For your embrace more meet—
The heart that hymned a world you trod
Beneath your feet.

And still he held his poet's pen
To the ideal true—
Lo! he created Imogen,
And God made you.
—Edward J. McPhellim.

RACE GLEANINGS

Savannah, Ga., boasts of a Merchants Co-operative Plumbing Company.

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Wilberforce University will receive $36,000 State appropriation for the next two years.

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Tacoma has three colored grocery keepers, while Spokane, Wash., has one. All are prospering.

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The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad gives employment to Albert and Garret Richardson, as telegraph operators in Cleveland, O.

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Jas. A. Joyce, of Cleveland, O., is one of the leading draughtsman with the King Bridge Co., the largest concern of its kind in the country.

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Frank Anthony is president of the Building Trades Council of Cleveland, O., an organization composed of the numerous labor institutions of the city.

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The Colored Home and Hospital is one of the oldest charitable institutions in New York city, of which Miss Elsie R. Warnock has recently been appointed matron.

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Booker T. Washington recently addressed a cogent and forceful letter to the Louisiana Constitutional Convention on the subject of the suffrage, which has elicited much praiseworthy comment.

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Richard Croker opens the political ball when he inaugurates a Negro leader of Democracy in the borough of Manhattan. What does it mean for the Negro's future in politics?

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Before retiring for Madagascar, as consul, Judge Gibbs was tendered a royal reception by the proud citizens of Little Rock.—The Light, Vicksburg, Miss.

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Richard T. Greener, a very intelligent and scholarly gentleman, goes as Consul to Bombay, India. This is a important foreign appointment. Mr. Greener is worthy of all the honor given him.—The Baptist Vanguard, Little Rock, Ark.

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The Benevolent Order of Colored Professionals, an organization was formed at Indianapolis, Ind., February 19, which will not doubt fill a long felt want among the profession. Its main features are something on the order of the Elks among the whites, but entirely original. Subordinate lodges will be instituted at once throughout the country. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Prelate, J. W. Hunter; Vice, A. R. Moss; 2d Vice, Geo. Bailey; Grand Treasurer, Archie Greathouse; Grand Secretary, S. N. Edmonds; Corresponding Secretary and Journalist, J. Harry Jackson; Grand Organizer, Billy McClain, State Organizer, Henderson Smith; Inside Sentinel, Jesse Ringold; Outside Sentinel, Adam Miller; Medical Advisor, Dr. Jos. H. Ward. Steward Board: Chance P. Jones, James Nicholson, Elwood Knox, Dr. Jos. H. Ward, Henderson Skinner. Members of the colored profession throughout the United States should join this organization. The benefits to be derived from it are manifold. In case of sickness, death or many other things that might arise, when being a member of the B. O. C. P. much relief can be secured. All members wishing further information concerning this may address J. Harry Jackson, corresponding secretary, 318 N. Capitol avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

Notes of Interest.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—The Chattanooga Spring Carnival is now the all-absorbing topic in local circles. It is expected to be a "big affair. * * Rev. G. W. Parks, formerly pastor in this city, spent a few days recently among friends. A reception was tendered him on Monday night at Mrs. Black's on Pine street. It was an enjoyable affair. * * Mr. Chas. N. Crittenden, the millionaire merchant evangelist (white), who has been conducting a series of meetings in the city recently, preached at Wiley Memorial M. E. church last Sunday morning. It was a grand service, and three persons found the Lord. * * Prof. I. Garland Penn, of Virginia, was in the city last week, and delivered a lecture to the District Epworth League at Wiley Memorial church. * * Allen Day celebration ot Warren Chapel A. M. E. church was one of the grandest affairs of the season. The lecture room has been recently repaired, and the decorations for the occasion were elaborate. The church presented the appearance of a large magnificent parlor. Portraits of the bishops, leading ministers and former pastors adorned the walls. Evergreens and potted plants were artistically arranged by delicate hands. The exercises were superb, consisting of papers, recitations and music. Mrs. Shelby Harris, of Nashville, the organist, had the music in charge. The church was crowded all day. The Allen banquet, Monday night, was a grand feature of the occasion. * * A Martha Washington Tea Party was given Tuesday night at the A. M. E. Zion church. Rev. B. J. Jones is doing a grand work for Zion. * * The Daughters of Conference (young ladies) recently carpeted the pulpit and altar of Warren Chapel A. M. E. church. * * The First Baptist church will be without a pastor after March 1st, the pastor, Rev. Griggs, having tendered his resignation. He has been here about four months. * * Tintinambulations suggestive of matrimony are sounding around the home of Miss Daisy Lownds. He is here already. The match was effected through correspondence. A certain minister's wife is responsible.

News Budget.

Union City, Tenn., Special.—W. B. Martin visited Mobile on the 20th. * * Mrs. Frank Weddington was in the city last week, the guest of Mrs. Mc Davis. * * Mrs. J. H. Bonion was in the city last week visiting Mrs. Chas. Wells. * * Miss Georgia Love has returned to her home in Humbolt after a two weeks' visit. * * Subscribe for The Freeman, the great race journal. * * The series of meetings at tne First Baptist church have closed with seven converts. * * T. C. Davis left for Dyersburg on the 18th. * * T. M. Robinson was in the city on the 18th to see his wife. * * Everybody should read The Freeman.

UNCLE MOSE'S PRAYER.

He Prayed Eloquently, but Gestured a Little Too Forcibly.

Uncle Mose came down from the country to visit his son, who worked in the livery stable. Uncle Mose was a deacon in a little country church and was noted for his long, fervent prayers, but when his son Ike took him to the colored church in the city and when he heard the organ and gazed upon the well dressed darkies he felt as if the Lord was a long ways off. Uncle Mose had met the parson the day before, and what was his surprise when that person said during services, "We'll all join in pra'r wid Brother Mose Smith." Uncle Mose went down on his knees and threw his deep voice and soul in a prayer which shook the rafters. As he came to the close his old white head was shaking and his voice was bringing each saint and sinner to the shouting point:

"O Lawd, we know dat we is weak in dy sight an hab been follerin after things which sabor uv de debil, but, O Lawd, we know dat dow in dy richness of mercy gwine tuw swipe hit offen de big book an say, 'Yo' count is squah.' Huccome we hain' been doin right ez durin de las' month, ner de las' week, ner de las' day, but, O Lawd, please swipe hit offen de big book—yeah, swipe hit off. When de pale hoss an de white rider cum ridin down from de valley uv de shadder uv death, de pale rider gwine swing his lef' laig outen de stirrup, cotch us by de shurt, jerk us behin him an b'ar us 'way to de blazin sun, an when we put our foot upon de san's uv de sho' fotch de boat up close to de bank, an ez we gits in de seat den waf' us an row us away to de glory lan. Amen."

"How did dat pra'r go, Ike?" said he as he went home.

"Pap, dar wern't but one 'jection, 'specially your gestures. When you talked 'bout de pale rider swingin his lef' laig outen de stirrup, you kicked Sister Brown right in de side."—Louisville Dispatch.

The Matter of Whiskers.

Jules Ferry's whiskers were often an index to his state of feeling. I saw him on the day he escaped from the commune of Paris to Versailles. He related his adventures at the Hotel des Reservoirs to friends who gathered round him. The whiskers, which habitually stood well out, like those (his enemies said) of a garcon de cafe, were limp and lay flat to the cheeks.

The most leonine whiskers I ever saw were Skobeleff's. They were of immense length when he drew them out, as was his wont, but when let alone seemed only half as long. I dare say they had their lank days, but not so far as I know. The term "whiskerando" (now well nigh obsolete) had more meaning than those who used it thought. —London Truth.

What to Say.

A member of the house went to Speaker Reed one day and said that he had been selected by his delegation to deliver a eulogy on a deceased member. "I did not know the member very well," remarked the congressman, "and so I thought I would ask you what I should say."

"Well," said Mr. Reed, with his inimitable drawl, "say anything except the truth."—Washington Post.

HOW SHE DID IT.

Girl Cashier's Mind Reading Methods of Making Change.

The girl cashier of a Madison street restaurant was for three weeks believed by one of the customers to be a lineal descendant of Morgan le Fay and to have some of the family traits of Heller, the second sight magician, for she seemed to know by intuition or instinct or something else what was the price of the meal he had consumed and also just the amount of money in his hand when he approached to pay. He first noticed that when he presented a 35 cent check she immediately laid upon the rubber mat a dime and a nickel which she had been holding for change.

"How," this man inquired of himself, "did she know that 15 cents would be the correct change? There was no earthly way for her to tell what money I was going to offer her either. How did she come to have the exact change ready without a second's delay or without having to go to the cash register for it?" He could not answer to his own satisfaction.

The next day he bought a 45 cent meal, and she promptly laid a nickle before him, the 5 cent piece being the only coin she held in her hand. It was the correct amount, as he gave her a half dollar. He experimented several times afterward and at last appealed to her for information.

"Why," she said, "didn't you ever notice the tint of your check?" When I see you coming 20 feet away, I know by the slate colored check that you have eaten 20 cents' worth. If you have a red ticket, that warns me that you want to pay for a two bit meal. A blue one means 30 cents. This yellow one is, of course, for 40 cents. The amount is printed upon the check, but the color is my warning."

"Yes," said the other, somewhat relieved, "that seems easy. But still my money is not of different colors. How do you know what change to have ready? That's mind reading, sure."

"Not at all. When you come with a quarter ticket, you will usually give me the exact change or half a dollar. I have a quarter ready for you in my left hand in case you give me a half. Suppose your ticket is a 35 cent one; you'll either give me the correct amount or a half dollar—or perhaps a dollar. With 15 cents in one hand and 50 cents in the other I'm ready for any demonstration almost."—Chicago Record.

THE GAME OF HIS LIFE.

Showing One's Varying View of Golf as He Plays Well or Ill.

On the links of the Island Golf club at Garden City, N. Y., two men were having a hot game, with success about even. They were good friends and complimented each other on their good shots and looked the other way after a foozle. Just as the younger one stepped upon the tee to drive off for the sixth hole a very swagger cart came spinning up the road that crosses the links near that tee. A stunning young woman was driving. She pulled up sharply near the tee and called out to the man about to drive:

"George, dear, won't you come home now and not delay luncheon?"

The man straightened up with an air of disgust at the interruption and re plied:

"Not now. I'm playing the game of my life."

"I wish you'd come," she said.

"No, not now," he answered. "I'm playing too well. I wouldn't quit this for 40 luncheons. I'm breaking my record by ten storkes."

"Well, I'll drive up and down here and wait for you," she said.

As she started off George, dear, turned to continue the game of his life. F sliced his drive and lost the ball in the blackberry bushes in the ravine. F dropped a new ball and lost one strok Then he topped the ball on the niblick shot out of the whir and didn't gain three feet. Finally he got out with seven and was bunkered in the road that crosses the field. There he lost two more strokes and the rest of his temper. Finally he got out of the bunker and with a beautiful lie used his brassey for a three-quarters iron and overshot the hole by 50 yards into the tall grass. There the ball was lost.

Ten minutes later the swagger cart was spinning down the road at the top speed of the horse, the stunning young woman sitting very erect and statuesque and driving with superb skill. In the back of the cart, with his heels dangling and brandishing two golf clubs, sat George, dear.

The game of his life was over.—New York Sun.

He Got It.

"Mister," said Meandering Mike, "would you like to have all the money you wanted?"

"Of course I would," was the natural reply.

"Well, then, I kin approach you as man to man an tell you me own feelinks. It's a good deal to be able to depend on sympathy an co-operation in advance. All the money I wants fur the present is 10 cents, which is somethin you could help me to without missin."—Washington Star.

Australia is 26 times as large as the United Kingdom, 15 as large as France and almost equal to the United States.

HALL'S
Vegetable Sicilian
HAIR RENEWER
Use it before your hair gets thin and gray. Use it now, to prevent baldness; to remove dandruff and postpone age.

THE FIGHTING GURKHAS.

Something About the Men Who Win Some of England's Battles.

The Gurkhas, to whose valor we owe so much on the Indian frontier, are not afraid of death in any shape or form, have the instinct of instant and unquestioning obedience to orders from superiors and take an actual and physical delight in fighting. It is a popular error to suppose that they are without caste. There are about 13 different castes among them and several subdivisions in each caste, but when serving in British regiments and while on a campaign Gurkhas do not allow their caste system to interfere with their comforts and will eat and drink freely with Europeans and among themselves. They have no objection to taking a pull at a British soldier's flask and will share a "chapati" with the most menial camp follower. They will gladly take a cigar or tobacco from a European, but on no account must a man of one caste smoke in the company of another.

All Gurkhas trace their descent from the Rajputs of central India, the Thappas and Gurungs especially claiming to have the bluest Hindoo blood in India running in their veins. They have, however, intermarried for generations with Mongolian women. One would imagine therefore that in process of time a distinctly new type, combining the leading characteristics of both races, would have been evolved, but as a matter of fact the vast majority of Gurkhas are either Aryan or Chinese in their cast of countenance. Europeans generally suppose that all Gurkhas are squat men, with broad nostrils, high cheek bones and deep set, narrow eyes. This is not the case. The Second Gurkhas regiment has large numbers of Gurungs and Thappas in its ranks who are of a slight build, with beautifully chiseled and sharp features, Aryans every inch.

Gurkhas have one physical peculiarity—their stature is below the average. As they do not wear beards and their mustaches, in spite of much care, never attain a luxuriant growth, to a casual observer a Gurkha regiment appears to consist of boys, not men. It is on record that when Lord Roberts was marching through the Kurram the Pathan women and children came out to jeer at the striplings whom he was leading, as it seemed, to their certain death, and they only changed their opinion when, largely owing to the heroism of these same Gurkhas, the Afghan army was driven headlong from the Peiwar Kotal.

The colonel of a distinguished regiment used to tell a story of a Pathan who had traveled a long distance to get a glimpse of the terrible soldiers that had defeated his countrymen. When he saw the little boyish looking Gurkhas standing guard at the Bala Hissar, he committed suicide "for very shame," at least—and this is the best part of the story—so the guard declared when asked to explain the presence of the dead body.—London News.

Sam Jones and Talmage.

Sam Jones is the embodiment of an audacity that sometimes comes very near the border line of discourtesy. A clergyman who often assists him in his series of meetings told me the other day this story in the early history of Mr. Jones' evangelistic work: He was invited by Dr. Talmage to hold a series of meetings in the doctor's Brooklyn church. Mr. Jones went to Dr. Talmage's home during the afternoon of the day on which his engagement began and introduced himself. Mr. Talmage looked him over and was evidently a little taken aback at the rather shabby appearance of the evangelist. As it approached evening he said, "Brother Jones, would you take it amiss if I presented you with a new suit of clothes?" "Certainly not," said the accommodating Samuel. He was taken to a clothier and fitted from head to foot, topping all with a high hat.

At church the doctor introduced him as the Rev. Samuel P. Jones from Georgia. Mr. Jones arose with his new hat in hand and repeated, "Yes, the Rev. Samuel P. Jones from Georgia," and added: "And this is the new suit of clothes and this the new hat your pastor has presented to me. If your pastor had as much of the grace of God in his heart as he has pride, he would convert all Brooklyn and would not need me."—Homiletic Review.

Maginn.

Blackwood set a high value on Maginn's contributions. "There is one peculiar excellence," he writes, "in this writer which strikes us Scotsmen—his easy, idiomatic English. No Scotchman, however practiced as a writer, is master of the English tongue so as to be able to write in this way." But he never ventured to impart this opinion to the voluble and irascible North.

Maginn was a brilliant but unmanageable creature. He soon drifted away from Maga and devoted himself to its rival and imitator, Fraser's. When his habits had brought him to a premature grave, Lockhart wrote his epitaph in a score of jingling rhymes:

Here, early to bed, lies kind William Maginn.

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Light for long was his heart, though his breeches were thin,
But at last he was beat and sought help from the bin.

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Barring drink and the girls, I ne'er heard of a sin;
Many worse, better few, than bright, broken Maginn.
—Longman's Magazine.

Trying to Make It Out.

Theodore—I declared myself, Alfred, but I don't know whether she accepted me or not. That's what I'm trying to make out, you know.

Alfred—What did you say to her?

Theodore—I said that I thought the world of her, and she said, "It's a queer world." That was all, don't you know, and deuced if I know whether it meant she is in love with me or not.—Boston Transcript.

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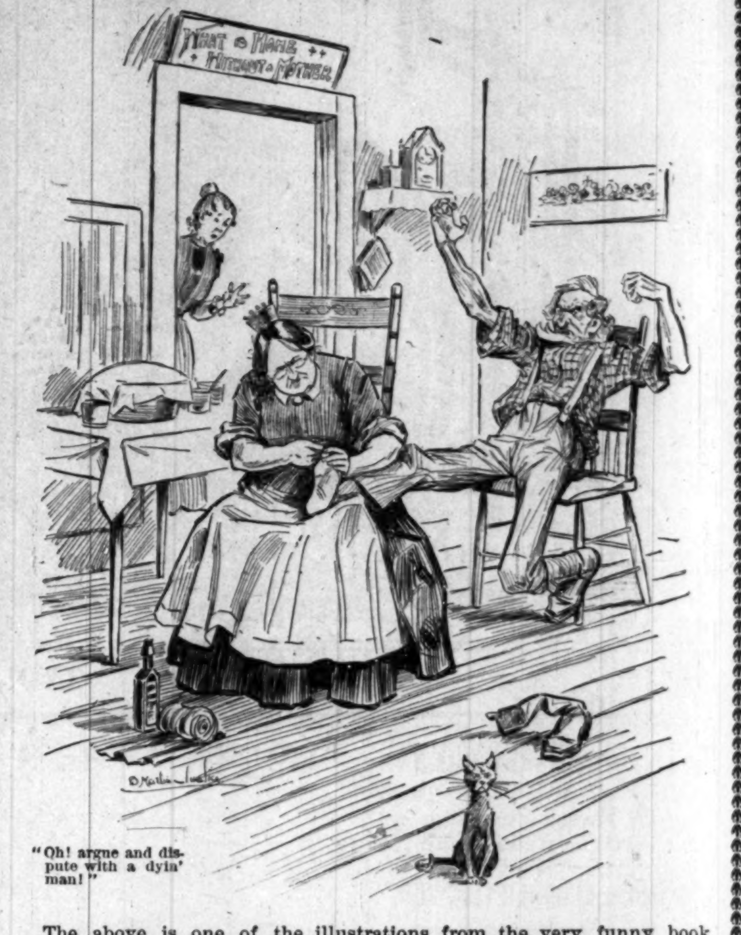
What is Home Without a Mother

"Oh! argue and dispute with a dyin' man!"

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It is not generally known that one single merchant, a young Californian, 32 years of age, controls the pearl and pearl shell market of America and Europe. This monarch of the pearl trade is Samuel Harris. He operates in the Pacific ocean, and he has built up an astounding commercial reputation in the course of eight years. There are plenty of cattle kings in the west and wheat kings in the east and money kings everywhere, but there is only one pearl king, and that is Harris. Thousands of rare, translucent gems are brought to this country and shipped to Europe by his agents. He deals in mother of pearl shells by the ton, and the magnitude of his transactions has made the private mark of Harris—namely, a diamond inclosing a large H—a seal of international importance and a guarantee of genuine kingship.

Harris gathers his gems exclusively in the Society islands. For eight years he has made these Pacific land spots the field of his interesting business. It was on the shores of Tahiti that first he earned his title of king. After repeated transactions with the natives whom he employed in pearl fishing he stimulated them from passivity to great activity, gaining their confidence and trust by honest and reliable barter. He never made promises to them that he did not keep. He paid them in full the price which they demanded. Himself a finished critic, a connoisseur, he never permitted them to overvalue a pile of shells, and they grew to admire him. He controlled the situation at Tahiti. He was easily king.

It is said that Harris has been a lover of these delicate gems since his boyhood. Pearls have always been to him the most mysterious, the most wonderful, the most beautiful handiwork of nature. To him, gifted with an artistic, idealistic temperament, they appealed in a romantic, poetic way. To him each translucent globule seemed like a tear from the weird eyes of an earth bewitched mermaid. They were silent tokens of the water maid's grief, she who perhaps pined for a terrestrial lover.

Finally young Harris took a pleasure voyage to the distant Society isles and saw what made his enthusiastic eyes bulge in their sockets. He saw native children playing along the sands with the richest pearls he had ever seen; he saw the native belles passing by with ropes of pearly gems about their throats, such treasures as would have made a society queen turn pale with envy. Then Harris made his first business trip to Tahiti, and he took with him $3,000 worth of merchandise. His burden consisted mainly of tobacco, knives, rope, fishhooks and articles of clothing. These were luxuries to the native Tahitite, and the pearl trader brought back that year in exchange for his merchandise fully $40,000 worth of pearls and pearl shells. He did not consider it a bad bargain, and he has been back very year since.

Formerly only the lowest grade pearls were brought to the American market. The finer ones were retained abroad and rarely ever found their way this side of the water. Harris has turned the tables and now brings to the San Francisco market the most perfect pearls found anywhere. The perfect stones are orient and of translucent whiteness or glimmering iridescence. They are finely symmetrical in form, and the best are generally pear shaped, like a falling star. The hunt for these beauties of the deep goes on incessantly. The same excitement and uncertainty attend the fishing as surround the tireless chase for gold or the determined digging in a diamond mine.

There is the same labor and the oft repeated disappointment. Now and then a great surprise is brought up by the fearless pearl diver. That compensates for all the rest. Lately it was an immense black pearl, the handsomest of its kind ever snatched from the fathomless ocean. Harris brought it on his last recent voyage to San Francisco. After careful examination it was found to be absolutely perfect, having a weight of six carats. It is valued in the London market at £150.

Since 1894 Harris has revolutionized the trade in pearl shells. Only one grade ever found its way to the manufacturers of pearl shell ornaments and gewgaws. It was generally shell that was thin, flaky and colorless and sold for $800 a ton. This energetic young pearl king now exports four different grades or varieties, ranging in value from $600 to $1,200 a ton.

All shells are purchased in bulk from the native fishers. They bring down their hauls of shell to the young king's schooner as it lies in port, fretting restlessly against the side of the rude piers. They bring down their find here for the king's inspection. He sits in state and passes judgment. Harris can tell at a glance what a pile of shells is worth. He is an expert at determining value, and he is a shrewd buyer as well and has never permitted the native experts to outdistance him in judgment. When a pile of shells is dropped before him, he picks up one or two and runs his arm carelessly through the heap and in a moment can determine the grade, for the natives are clever at assortment. No uncommon shells are ever found among the poor ones. They have not learned yet the trick of deception by mingling the good and the bad.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Ingratitude.

One of the passengers from the wrecked steamer Kameruka who was saved by pigs swimming ashore with a life line ate bacon for breakfast as soon as he arrived at Sydney.—Exchange.

A LESSON FROM MEXICO.

Destruction of the Forests Has Brought Drought and Desolation.

The early conquerors of this country and their followers of today have been very wasteful and careless in the disposition of their forests, with the result of accelerating the date when they will be compelled to face a problem of forest preservation at considerable cost to themselves. Denizens of the northwest are familiar with the rapidity with which the valuable timber areas have been denuded, until now there is scarcely a merchantable tree between Arkansas and the Canadian line. Many notes of warnings accompanied this destruction of the northern soft wood forests, but they fell upon unwilling ears. Only after it was too late to stop the mischief did the country begin to recognize the indirect value of forests to agriculture and that no high degree of civilization can exist permanently without some systematic and adequate forest management. In India the destruction of the forests commenced 1,000 years ago, and that country, having at last seen the folly of such waste, is now engaged in the expensive undertaking of reforesting large areas.

The effect upon rainfall and the productiveness of the cultivated tracts has already been acknowledged by investigators. When Cortes first saw the valley of Mexico, it was covered with woods, not dense, but abundant, from the timber line on the volcanoes down to the water's edge. The reckless cutting down of the forests by the Spaniards in the first century following the conquest in 1521 increased evaporation, caused the lakes to dry up, led to frequent droughts, followed by occasional floods, and changed the climate of Anahuac.

Any old rancher will tell stories of streams that flowed when he was a boy and will show the dry arroyo now. They all claim that the tablelands had timber in considerable quntities where now there are barren deserts.

This government has taken some steps in the matter, but it is also necessary for the landowners to assist in this work by planting trees and irrigating them for a few years until they have taken good root. By using good judgment in selecting the trees and in planting in a few years the complaints which are now so frequent of years of droughts will soon become fewer and fewer until they finally cease.—Monterey Globe.

BEAUTIFUL MAGIC LAKE.

The Present Which an Earthquake Made to Tennessee.

Reelfoot lake, which lies mostly in Obion county and partly in Lake, is the largest sheet of water in Tennessee, it being 40 miles in length and from 3 to 5 in width.

This lake, which evokes rapturous comments from even the most indifferent observer, was formed in a few minutes by an earthquake, which, according to the best authorities, occurred between 2 and 3 o'clock on Saturday morning, Nov. 16, 1811. There were two terrific shocks about 30 minutes apart and many lighter ones between and after. The earth rocked violently, a deafening noise like thunder struck terror to the ear, the atmosphere was heavily laden with something like smoke and vivid and almost constant flashes of lightning illuminated the surrounding country, and in less time than it takes to write it thousands of acres of land had sunk far below the level of the mighty Mississippi.

The Father of Waters rushed into the sunken country, and the suction was so great that for three hours the river ran up stream, and rafts and boats below the lake were torn from their moorings and went whirling into the seething, maddening vortex. As soon as the newly formed lake was filled the river went majestically on its usual course, leaving to Tennessee one of the finest fishing resorts in the country, which is annually the Mecca of thousands of sportsmen.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Students' Pranks.

In The National Magazine W. H. Leavitt tells some amusing stories of the pranks of American art students in Paris. Once the students in one atelier hazed a newcomer by taking all his money, putting him into a cab and giving the driver instructions where to take him. When the cab halted, the penniless student alighted and stood on the curb. "Will you be so good as to light a match?" said the student. "I dropped a napoleon in the cab and can't find it." Whereupon the driver whipped up and was away in a hurry.

A new student from Algiers amused the studio for awhile by imitating the sounds of various wild beasts and birds. Then the fickle fellows tired of it. So one day, having prepared a big box with breathing holes in it, they put the mimic in it and kept him there three days, at the end of which time he performed only by request.

A Tough Colored Man.

A recent railroad wreck in North Carolina was caused in a peculiar way. A colored man wanted to get a ride and tried to jump a train of empty flat cars. He missed the car and fell across the track, where the wheels of several cars passed directly over him. His body threw two of the cars off the track, and the strangest part of it is that after the cars had run over him the man was able to get up and walk away. As he looked around him he was heard to exclaim: "Well, well! I never see de like sence I wuz bo'n. I'll bet my week's wages dat railroad'll sue me fer damages."—Atlanta Constitution.

Very happy is Curran's reply to his pompous antagonist in debate who had loftily asserted that he was the guardian of his own honor, "I wish the honorable and learned gentleman joy of his sinecure."

IN BONDAGE.

Silent, forever silent, through the years,
The dreary years which empty come and go,
Why do I cry to one who never hears
And, far away, my griefs can never know?

See here! I burn the letters one by one,
Although my heart burns with each burning word.
If chains are broken, freedom must be won.
My chains are loos'd, but my heart has not stirred.

What else is left for me to cast away,
What clinging mem'ry from the too sweet past?
Upon the altar, midst the fire, I lay
This little relic, dear. It is the last!

And now I claim the freedom which I gain.
I am no more a slave to long dead things.
No victim I to swell thy triumph train,
But a freed bird, with new recovered wings.

What shall I do with this great gift long sought—
A gift which looked, far off, so passing sweet?
Clasped in my hand, it fades and turns to naught!
Once more I come and lay it at thy feet.

—Lilian Robinson in Sketch.

CHARLES KINGSLEY.

Why the Great Author Compared Himself to the Strassburg Clock.

Every one of the great army of Kingsleyites will welcome this story of the immortal Rev. Charles. It comes from an English lady whose country residence was under his spiritual care and at whose table he was, therefore, a frequent guest. The good man's well established habit of talking much about things of which he knew little is the cause for the story. He had a habit, particularly at dinner tables, of holding the guests agape with minute stories about the inhabitants of Mars or the fishes of Kamchatka. All of this availed except on such unhappy occasions as when he came unexpectedly across some one who had liked in Mars or fished in Kamchatka. It was on such an unfortunate occasion that Kingsley gave this excuse, which deserves to be preserved. Some unknown little man from the very foot of the table interrupted a very brilliant discourse about, say, the climate of Mars, with a very unexpected "I beg your pardon, Mr. Kingsley, but what you state is wholly untrue. I have lived there and am able to assure you that you have been grossly misinformed."

Embarrassed only for a moment, Kingsley replied: "I am very sorry if I have been making misstatements. You know, of course, that I would not do so intentionally. But I fear that it often happens. However, I always console myself with remembering an incident of my youth. I was on the usual grand tour and came to Strassburg. I was being shown the famous clock by a loquacious and ready witted old dame. I saw how the works went and how the apostles marched. But as she was growing far too eloquent over the wonders of the work I said: 'Yes, my good woman. It is a very fine bit of work. But I must call your attention to the fact that although my watch says it is only 1 'clock this great dial says it is nearly 2. I know my watch is correct. Can not your great clock keep time?' She was very indignant. 'It keeps the time quite good enough, sir, always within an hour of the correct time. Why, what would you have? A clock which does so many very wonderful things cannot be expected to do them all well.' And may I not console myself sometimes with the thought that perhaps I, too, am like the Strassburg clock?"—Washington Star.

Wilkes' Buttons.

Wilkes had the courage which does not always accompany a sarcastic tongue, for he fought two duels and was nearly killed in one of them, and when challenged on a third occasion he behaved himself, on the authority of Croker, who was certainly no admirer of his, "like a man of temper and honor." His most serious encounter was with Mr. Martin, and Wilkes was only saved by two buttons diverting the bullet. One of his admirers procured these precious relics and put them in a case with the following inscription, "These two simple yet invaluable buttons, under Providence, preserved the life of my beloved and honest friend John Wilkes in a duel fought with Mr. Martin on the 16th of November, 1763, when true courage and humanity distinguished him in a manner scarcely known in former ages.

"His invincible bravery, as well in the field as in the glorious assertion of the liberty of the subject, will deliver him down an unparalleled example of public virtue to all future generations." Wilkes would probably have said to this, as the Duke of Wellington to the obsequious gentleman who escorted him across Piccadilly, "Don't be a d——d fool, sir!"—Cornhill Magazine.

Read and Prayed.

A writer in the Rochester Post-Express tells a good story about an English bookseller of whom a lady inquired for one of Browning's works, and the good man answered that he had given up keeping Browning, and what was more he had tried to read him and could make nothing out of any of his poems. "Indeed," the lady answered, and then, being in search of another poet, she added, "But have you Praed?" "Yes, indeed, ma'am, I have prayed over it, but still I get no light."

Awful Error.

"I'll never forget the time I took my good old aunt from the country to see a Shakespearean revival at one of the theaters."

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BLOODY MURDER.

While too sides of the Atlantic are trembling as an aspen leaf fearful of the consequences of the Maine battleship disaster, there are human vampires getting in their dirty work by assasinating the race. F. B. Baker, recently appointed postmaster at Lake City, S. C., was most foully murdered last week in the humble quarters he used as an office. Not humble because he would have it so, but because the portion of the community would not allow him other quarters. Not alone is he murdered, but the major portion of his family were shot out of existence by the red-handed villains masquerading as men. It is said a hundred of these brutal cowards stationed themselves at advantageous points aided by the red glare of incendiarism dealt out death with unerring accuracy as they attempted to escape. South Carolina has much to answer for. It is the same State that so manipulated the laws as to leave the Negroes practically a nonentity as a voter. It is the State that is rushing through its Legislature a "jim crow" car bill, and it is further reserved to this State to compel the Negroes to drink the last dregs of civic humiliation in wantonly shooting down its citizens without cause or complaint other than that arising from God's given nature.

Language is no longer forceful enough to picture the brutality shown Negroes in this State. It might be set down as a passing incident, not subject to the much ado that is evident, was it not for the systematic attempt at race assassination. The life of a man is of no moment—a passing spasm—drops out of sight as a pebble in the great ocean scarcely creating a ripple as it goes. Men are dying every day. But they are not dying for such reasons as Baker, of Lake City, died. His death is as momentous as the death of those ill-fated seamen of the Maine. The cause of these deaths needs investigation and the responsibility should rest somewhere. The family of Baker needs to be indemnified. His life was as precious to himself and family as the lives of any individual, serving in any capacity of life. His services were as meritorious. He died serving his country, for which he was a patriot—and a martyr to his race. These things cannot be gainsaid. On the other hand it may be said that after all the appointing of men, Negroes, in communities where racial antipathy runs so high may be considered reprehensible. It cannot be said that overpowering political influences have much to do in bringing these appointments about except from that peculiar long-sighted influence that builds to the distant future. It is known what South Carolina has in store for the Republicans—nothing except convention votes—convention votes merely. Life is far to sacred to be tampered with thus. The North is not having a plethora of Negro postmasters and racial lines are not here nearly so tightly drawn. However the burden of the lay is not against the appointments, but against non-protection. The South alone is not responsible. Her attitude towards the Negro is well known. There is no more reason for breaking through the Chinese wall of prejudices there than there is for breaking through lesser obstructions North. The policy is not equitable. There is too much method in it. These remarks will be out of place only when the government makes some provision, some adequate provision, for bringing these murderers to justice. A paltry reward of a few hundred dollars is but a half-hearted interest in the matter. Baker cannot be restored to life, but an ample reward might be offered for the apprehension of the criminals. It would serve to show that these men are not to be made targets of attack with impunity. If proper protection cannot be afforded, then it is criminal to make the appointments.

WILL IT BE WAR.?

The sentiments of the majorities may not be voiced when it is said that peace is far more preferable than war, but the sentiments of the sober and the reflective are on the side of peace. The country should be willing to trust the verdict of the late General Sherman, who declared that war was hell. There is no reason at this time to think differently. Natyional honor can as well be conserved by the arbitrament of the pen quite as well as by the sword.

"Peace hath her victories, no less renown than war."

It is more likely that Spain would stand a few millions in reward against her if the country makes out a case against her rather than run the risk of national effacement or lose her tributaries or dependencies. Abstract war is an engrossing subject for the young enthusiast of even for the well-seasoned veteran who lives only by virtue of his memories of the stirring past.

"And shouldering his crutch shows how
fields were won."

But, alas these are in the mellow age. The vicissitudes of camp life, the fortunes of war would make very short work of them. It is the nation's brawn which the nation can so illy afford that would be food for Spanish cannons. The contest concededly would be unequal, but Spain is too powerful on the sea to expect child's play. Our country would triumph in the end, but victory bought at some prices is simply defeat. It will be a sad day for the country if it proves that the blowing up of the Maine was at the hands of the Spaniards. It is to be hoped that by some chance the very ugly affair may righten itself without disturbing the peace of the world. Cuba should be relinquished to the Cubans by Spain and not stand a movement of Castillian pride. There

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Booker T. Washington's address to the Louisiana Constitutional Convention seems to be carrying some weight. His most notable utterances are as follows:

First, that the suffrage clause should be fair and just, making no race distinction, but being based on property, education, or both, giving whites and blacks an equal opportunity to earn the franchise.

Second, that if an educational qualification is required, the State should provide better for the public schools, so as to give every man a chance to earn the suffrage.

This is what you might call very fine reading. There is nothing here that can give offense, as it seems that all are to come within the law regardless of race. Doubtless, Washington has extracted the best out of an ugly situation. But what about these fair promises? The game being played for should be considered. Who will be bagged in the end?

The Bee of Washington has been arrogating to itself all of the journalistic virtues. For its pains the Galveston Times pays the Bee its respects in this wise:

For such a show of unmitigated gall, such vanity and prejudice the Bee takes the cake in that it claims that of all the hundreds of Negro editors in this country "only three," a pitiful three, are there, who "possess opinions of their own" and that all the rest are sycophantic cowardly and full of demagogism. It is true, "we need editors, who are honest, brave and truthful" and we have numbers of them who stand most favorable comparison with editors of any other race What is true of Fortune and Mitchell is true of Knox, of The Freeman; Cooper, of the Colored American; Cing, of the Dallas Express; Hackley, of the Denver Statesman; Smith, of the Cleveland Gazette and numerous others with the Times man. Chase should go in a hole and pull his sheet in with him.

Lake City, S. C., has covered herself with infamy in a very short space of time. It is very hard to conceive that that many white men in one community of no great extent has had murder written over their hearts. It is alarming to know that such communities exist. There should be no incidents in the life of men that would compel murder on the part of men unless as a matter of self defense or the protection of one's home and family.

The "Jim Crow" car bill of S. C. awaits the signature of the Governor. He will sign at his earliest convenience.

The Dreyfus matter is likely to take a long sleep, a final one perhaps unless some new Zola goes to his rescue. It will take very much courage to retread the path of the famous novelist.

Baker's family, that were not shot to death by the S. C. mob should have indemnity. They were serving.

"THE GOOD THAT MEN DO."

The greatest and best specimen of Negro manhood in Indiana is Hon. George L. Knox, of Indianapolis. The Appeal thinks it is an outrage that his splendid services have not received any substantial recognition. Of course Col. Knox is not one of the office-seeking kind and this ought to make him that much stronger. There is no question about it, The Freeman did more for Mr. McKinley's election than all the other Negro papers in the entire country. It is from such men as Hon. G. L. Knox that the race expects much. Not being an office seeker he is able to speak out in meeting.—The Appeal, Atlanta, Ga.

It has been the rule of The Freeman to avoid comment on articles that have appeared from time to time in its interest in various publications relative to its merits or demerits or the worthy or unworthy aspirations of its proprietor or its attachees. But owing to the very fulsome praise and very exhaustive comment, forbidding at once the thought of superficialism or flattery given by the very ably edited Appeal, The Freeman is willing to forego its usual modesty and address itself to the article. The publisher of The Freeman is not quite satisfied in declaring himself "the greatest and best specimen of Negro manhood in Indiana." This proposition is submitted to the country at large. His bump of ego is quite normal, yet he is willing to submit the proposition to the supreme test in order to demonstrate the kicker of the beam. The saying, a prophet not without honor save in his own country, is often beautifully illustrated in the great comedy of politics. However the existence and perpetuity of The Freeman, a sentinel of the race, should not establish his services as dubious. The Freeman will not go quite to the extent the Appeal has gone when it says that The Freeman did more than all the other Negro publications combined. But suffice to say the services must have been notable enough to attract attention, if at this distance from the election such statements are called forth without a demand. The Freeman, however, will say that it has studiously championed the cause of Republicanism since the present publisher took charge. It has spoken in season and out of season, ever enunciating the cardinal principles of the party. It has held along like Douglass, whose memory grows more sainted as time intervenes, that the Republican party was the deck and all else was the sea. And for the future may it be said the same motto is tacked high upon the main mast. It is true that now and then the party installs a man or perchance a set of men who feel that after them there are no others. But right happily the people are time keepers and eventually their day and regime will have a happpy or unhappy terminal. The tendency of the successful is to denominate themselves the party. They, when selecting Negroes to office use other methods than those used in inducting white men in similar offices. In some localities the teeth are examined as they do horses and a pedigree must be established. The coterie that constitute the "we" set up inquisitorial methods, educational tests and red tape methods galore. They strew the way to preferment with bristling pikes and peaked crags, erect barriers supernal and precipes infernal.

These will some day pass away and the birthright will be re-established in those from whom it was ruthlessly snatched. No, dear Appeal, we are not quite ready to give up the ship. We are merely sleeping on our arms—waiting and watching, so to speak. We have large faith in Republican governments. We shall not forget that splendid old Roman who always wound up his speech in this wise:

"Delenda est Carthago."

The result is too well known. We are not yet in the sere and yellow leaf of age. The wheels of time or peradventure, fortune, may yet deposit an increment of good at our door when we least expect it. The race is not always to the swiftest.

Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, plans to celebrate its fifteenth anniversary by holding a great Preacher's Assembly and Alumni Reunion next May, 12th to 18th. This will be especially for the benefit of preachers and Christian workers of all denominations. Eminent speakers from all parts of the Nation are on the program. There will be an "Africa Day," with Bishops Hartzell and Taylor, just back from Africa; a great "Epworth League Day" and daily programs devoted to "The Church and Christian Education," "The Church and the People" (sociology and moral reform); "The Church and the Ministry" etc. The Assembly bids fair to be one of the greatest events in the educational and religious history of the Negro race.

The war spirit is subsiding thanks to a cool headed administration. War is not to be courted for the sake of war but simply from the peace that would eventuate. It is to be hoped that white winged peace may enfold all, peace that comes from a mutual understanding and not wrung out by cruel war.

It is a mistaken notion to hold that this government even entertains a thought of pensioning the ex-slaves, yet the government might as well be in that business as in the business of compensating individuals and associations for losses sustained during the war. The voting of thousands of dollars to a religious concern, a few days ago, for damages done to its holdings during the war period has set in motion a wave of trouble among the Negroes who naturally expect their turn next.

Miss Violette M. Neatly, a brilliant young writer of Chicago, will contribute a serial story to The Freeman in the near future. Miss Neatly is a young lady yet in her teens, but a worthy aspirant for litertary honors. The story is based on some facts incident to the mixed schools of Chicago, where Miss Neatly was herself a pupil. The story is likely to create wide-spread interest in both races. Watch for the very absorbing story.

In speaking of the assasination of postmaster Baker, of Lake City, S. C., the Richmond Planet has this to say:

"I. H. Loftin, of Hogansville, Ga., was similarly treated. What steps are being taken for his relief? Tell us no more about a war with Spain, discourse no longer upon the beauties of the "Pearl of the Antilles" (Cuba), sing no more the song of the annexation of the "garden spot of the Pacific (Hawaii). We can defend none of these, if we cannot protect our own citizens within forty-eight hours' ride of the National capital.

Congressman Johnson has torn the mask from the Hawaiian mockery. He believes in the principles that established this government, viz.: that those who are to govern should have the consent of the people to be governed. The seizure of the Hawaiian islands was a reprehensible act measured by the well-known policy of this government. The prompt recognition of the Dole et al. movement was racial recognition, which to say the least is very small business for our government to be in with its own racial problems to deal with.

It is said that General Lew Wallace will leave his magnificent $40,000 library building and his invaluable collection of books to the city of Crawfordsville. By the way, General Wallace hopes to represent the State of Indiana in the Senate. There is no reason why a man who does not labor altogether for selfish ends should not succeed, everything else being equal.

The many colored supporters of Mayor Jones have no feeling of unrest by virtue of the resignation of Col. A. A. Jones. All of his political strength lies within himself.—The Rising Sun, Kansas City, Mo.

Once on a time we, too, had a "Col." A. A. Jones, of dubious title. Can it be our long-lost and very much married Jones?

Bishop H. M. Turner, D. D., LLD., is on his sea voyage on an official visit to South Africa, in the recognized extension of our foreign field in response to the appeal made from that quarter, through delegates.—The University Herald, Little Rock, Ark.

It might be said further and incidentally to do a little reciprocal work for the unfortunates of America.

The propriety of appointing Negroes where opposition is so violent as has been shown in the Lake City, S. C., incident, is questionable. Political obligations do not demand it and proper protection is not offered, hence it is nothing less than criminal to make them.

The State House of Indiana would be an excellent place to work in a Negro in some position. It is about the only one in the country similarly situated that practically says, Negroes and dogs not allowed, and they stick to the text.

There are several good colored men of the city who have been mentioned for the legislature, among them are Robt. B. Bagby and G. L. Jones who served in the last Legislature.

Some are discussing the advisability of putting a colored man on the ticket insisting that he would jeopardize the interest of the party. That's the same old twaddle. If he is fit to vote he is equally fit to be voted for.

Congressman Johnson the renown Indiana statesman is becoming known for his agility. He had quite a great deal to say in defense of the civil rules, and quite as much to say in opposition to the Hawaiian—he's paired.

The Anacostia Club has grown in influence and favor in the city and State. It held quite a demonstration in the court house Friday evening, March 4.

Miss North Carolina walk right up, you are heir presumptive here.—Uncle Sam.

Meridian Briefs.

Meridian, Miss., Special.—M. H. Webster and Miss Rosa Woods were married at Valley Park on the 13th ult. Rev. F. C. Ganderson officiated. They are now located here. * * M. A. Webster and Miss Alice Parks were married at Macedonia on the 20th. They are now located in this city. * * A son is the latest arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Longstreet. * * Rev. J. D. Randolph, the editor of the Baptist Trumpet, has resigned this position. Rev. I. B. Williams succeeds him. * * Ed Burnett is improving from a recent illness. * * Rev. . Forkner, of Livingston, is visiting his brother, T. L. Forkner. * * Mrs. Bettie Parmon, of Hattiesburg, is visiting friends in the city. * * Messrs. West Moore and Geo. Carter, of Bailey P. O., were in the city Saturday. * * The child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crezier is quite sick . * * Mrs. Lizzie Jackson is quite ill. * * The mother's meeting was largely attended last Sunday at St. Paul M. E. church. * * Rev. Harris preached a splendid sermon at the Congregational church last Sunday, as did Rev. Watson at New Hope.

Pine Bluff Items.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Special.—There was a grand rally at Banaque street Baptist church, Sunday, February 27. The collection amounted to $2.75, Rev. J. C. Battles pastor. * * J. K. Wallace will leave in a short time for Klondike. * * There was a grand parade Monday evening led by John Mullen and Andy Reed. Wiley Reed, manager. * * Grandison Walls will leave in a short time for St. Louis. * * Henry Mc Clinton, Sebert B. Thomas, Fred Nelson, Ottis Williams are the coming cake walkers in their class. * * A host of Pine Bluff friends visited the Little Rock Mardi Gras. * * Johnnie Marshall of Hot Springs was in the city Tuesday, visiting his parents. * * Junius S. Townsend is again in the city. * * Col. G. F. Bowles, Supreme Dictator K. of H. of the W. passed through. Sir W. R. Springer, deputy of Marianna, Ark., paid the sum of $400 to Mrs. Hannah Orr, the widow of Sir Wm. Orr, in thirty days after his death at Marianna, Ark., and a member of Morning Star Lodge No. 39. * * Hon. M. M. Clark, of Marianna, the Grand Master of the State was in the city Wednesday visiting the Masonic lodge. * * Thursday night the bon ton colored society of Pine Bluff enjoyed a most pleasing and successful social event. It was in the nature of a "cake walk." On that occasion Knox's Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. A good orchestra furnished music for the occasion. The grand march was led by J. H. Stafford and Miss Julia Jones. At the conclusion of the march the floor was cleared for the "cake walk" in which the following couples participated. 'Squire Scott, Julia Jones; John and Mabel Jones.etaoinmfi(z fDndi ,EY Marshall and Fannie Jones, Otis Williams and Mabel Jones.

The judges decided that the first prize—a handsome cake—was won by Squire Scott and Julia Jones, and the second prize by John Marshall and Fannie Jones.

The entertainment was given under the auspices of J. H. Stafford.

Cake Walk Announced.

Decatur, Ill., Special.—The manner in which the people are responding to the petition of the young men for money to fight the Alton school case is very encouraging. * * The Antioch Baptist church is making a vigorous fight against sin. They have succeeded in adding quite a number to the church. * * St. Peter's A. M. E. church will soon begin a revival under Rev. R. J. M. Long. * * Rev. D. W. Steward, of Bloomington, Ill., visited here on the 27th to assist Rev. Long in his quarterly meeting exercises. * * The Hyacinth Social Club met at the home of Robert Earnest on the 17th inst. and enjoyed a pleasant evening. * * Bills are out announcing a grand cake walk and ball to be given on the 8th of March by the colored 400 Club of Decatur. * * The Young People's Mutual Improvement Club will celebrate their 3d annual memorial exercises in the near future.

Important Happenings.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Special.—The Douglass Literary Society was visited by forty distinguished guests Friday. Speeches of congratulation were made by O. O. Stitch, county superintendent, and Rev. Levi P. Thompson. * * G. W. Beachamp has been very busy this week building an addition to the C. M. E. church. * * A. L. Summers has joined the choir. * * Al. Standard and family visited R. D. Merriweather, of Dubois, this week. * * Thomas Edwards, of St. Louis, spent a few hours in our city last Tuesday, the guest of Mattie Brefford and others. * * Rev. R. R. Howard left for Knoxville, Tenn., Sunday night by way of Hopkinsville and Louisville, to spend a few days with his children and friends. * * Rev. C. P. Woods, of Evansville, en route to Council Bluffs, Mo., to visit his family, stopped over night here Thursday, the guest of C. Stokes. He left Friday by way of Odin, Ill., where he will conduct a series of meetings. * * G. W. Beachamp was suddenly called to Henderson, Ky., Friday evening, to the obsequies of his sister Fanny, whose death occurred there Thursday. * * Atlass Bayless, Sr., met with a very painful accident at the car shops. While handling a ladle of hot iron it fell and the contents was emptied in his shoe. He is suffering intense pain.

Wedding Bells Will Ring.

New Albany, Ind., Special.—Keller and Campbell's Big Concert Company, assisted by the Silver Tongued Choir, will give a musical concert at Bethel A. M. E. church Monday evening. A large audience should greet them. * * The wedding bells will soon ring out glad tidings. * * Mr. Frank Buckner is in the city visiting his brother. * * The revival meetings have begun in earnest at the Second Baptist church. Rev. I. N. Tolliver, of Waco, Tex., is assisting in this great effort. * * Rev. S. C. Manuel has returned from Decatur, Ill., at which place he conducted a very successful revival. * * Rev. E. M. Moore and choir of Young's Chapel, Louisville, Ky., conducted services at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon. * * Miss Lydia Mitchem is expected home soon.

Dots From Glasgow.

Glasgow, Ky., Special.—Gus Franklin, of Metcalf, is visiting friends in the city. * * Prof. W. L. Bowman left for Bowling Green Wednesday. Prof. S. C. B. Shannon has taken his place as principal of the Normal. * * J. T. Whitney has resigned his position in the Normal School. Miss L. G. Owens will take his place. * * Get The Freeman at the office of Dr. J. S. Durrette.

From the Windy City.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—A colored citizen protest meeting was held Monday evening, Feb. 28, at Bethel A. M. E. church, to express indignation at the murder of Postmaster Baker and his family by white citizens of Lake City, S. C. * * Mrs. Edwards is on the sick list. * * The Tribes of Dan gave an entertainment Thursday evening at Providence Baptist church. * * Sunday will be quarterly meeting at St. Stephen's A. M. E. church. * * St. Stephen's A. M. E. church held a colonial fair last week. * * The Wiling Workers of St. Stephen's A. M. E. church will give a spelling match this week.

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Breifs.

Petersburg, Ill., Special.—John Vaugh was stricken with paralysis Sunday morning and died the 22d. Funeral services were held on the 28. Rev. W. M. Bates officiated. Mr. Vaughn leaves a wife and daughter. He was a christian gentleman and will be missed. * * Rev. W. M. Bates has been ill.

Newsy Notes From Keokuk.

Keokuk, Iowa, Special.—One of the most artistic musical events that has ever occurred in Keokuk was the piano recital at Bethel church last Monday evening, given by Miss Ella Draine. For this occasion the best colored talent the city affords had been engaged and each participant acquitted himself with honor. A large and enthusiastic audience was present and each number was well received. As a violinist Frederick D. Fields is without doubt one of the best in the State. Miss Ella Draine clearly demonstrated her keen ability to interpret classical music. Each number was given in a manner that proved her to be a finished performer. Other enjoyable features were the piano playing of Mrs. Claud D. Bland. The mandolin selections of Messrs. W. W. Fields, L. J. Shelton and Miss Sadie Benthan and the singing of the Misses Florence Jackson, Margaret Drain, AdaSmith and Mr. Alonzo Draine. * * Rev. Tillman of Bethel church spent last Sunday in Burlington assisting Rev. Knight in his quarterly meeting service. * * The 9th anniversary of the Des Moines River Lodge of Odd Fellows was celebrated at their hall on Eighth street, Tuesday evening the 22d. A large crowd was present. * * Rev. Knight of Burlington assisted Rev. Tillman in his quarterly meeting services Sunday the 27th. * * Messrs. C. A. Harris and P. J. Owens were the guests of Quincy friends during last week. * * Miss Ida Fidler, a teacher in the Richmond, Mo., public schools was recently married to a Kansas City gentleman. * * George C. Bannister is very much elated over his Kahoka trip and the probabilities are he will go again soon. * * The young ladies of the church of St. Mary the Virgin gave a Valentine sociable at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fields' last Monday evening, at which a large and enthusiastic crowd spent a highly enjoyable evening. * * Mrs. Matilda Luckadoo died at her home in the rear of Johnson street, between Eighth and Ninth streets. Friday morning. She was well known and about fifty years of age. She is survived by her husband and an adopted daughter. * * Mrs. Helm, of Mexico, Mo., joined her husband Rev. Helm in this city Thursday evening.

Red bengaline silks are used in combination with black and white, gray and white, red and black checked taffetas for fancy waists.

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WANTED—SOUBRETTES. A Comedian of reputation wants to hear at once from ambitious soubrettes. No objection to talented amateurs. Must be young, complexion light, weight not over 116, good dresser on and off the stage. Photographs solicited, and will be cheerfully returned unharmed. Address: Comedian, care P. G Lowery, Reece, Kans.

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AL. G. FIELD'S NEGRO MINSTRELS—Battle Creek, Mich, March 3.

CANADIAN JUBILEE SINGERS AND IMPERIAL ORCHESTRA—Windsor, Vt., March 5-6; White River Junction, 7; West Lebanon, N. H., 8; South Royalton, Vt., 9; Bethel, 10; Randolph, 11; Northfield, 12-13.

DARKEST AMERICA—St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 28 to March 5.

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Mr. Edward Mallory, our special correspondent with Isham's "Octoroons," sends the following:—"We mourn the loss of a dear member of our company, Fred J. Piper. He died in Philadelphia, Feb. 21, '98, age 35 years. He was taken to Baltimore, his wife's home for burial. His wife, a worthy woman in every respect, and his brother, were with him until the end. The funeral was held Thursday, Feb. 24, the entire company went over to Baltimore, from Washington to attend the funeral services. The floral designs given him by the company and other friends, were a marvel of beauty. The company gave him a design of a broken wheel, and it stood four feet high. Mme. Flowers gave him a beautiful anchor, with a white dove mounted on the top. The Douglass Club of New York City was represented by Tom McIntosh our ex-member, and sent a beautiful cross of lillies. The pall bearers were the Mallory Bros., Tom McIntosh, Richard Conners, Edward Harris and Wm. Taylor. The company sang Rock of Ages, Ave Marie and The Psalms, at the services, and every eye was filled with tears. It was a sad affair, but one consolation to all is, that he made his peace with God before he died. He was a great performer, and was the originator and producer of grand and comic opera on the vaudeville and variety stage, which has been a roaring success for three seasons. As every one knows he was the greatest baritone singer of his race, and will be sadly missed from the stage.

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Billy and Madrid Jackson closed their engagement over the Orpheum circuit Feb. 28.

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The Colored Sports show will be known next season as "The Danger Alley Coons."

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Lew Hall's Georgia Minstrels are booked to appear at the Empire Theater, Indianapolis, next week.

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Al Brown, singing comedian is the author of the following songs: "I was Led Astray" and "Sleep Little One Sleep."

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The "Black Trilby" company will close April 1st in Seattle, Wash., when several of the members will start for Klondike.

Dan Palmer, comedian, and Ruby Thornton, soubrette, both members of McCabe & Young's "Black Trilby" company were married at Rochester, Minn., recently.

Billy and Madrid Jackson, protean sketch artists, open at the Chutes, in San Francisco, Cal., March 7, for four weeks, with the Castle-Hopkins circuit to follow.

F. N. Warner, with the Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial orchestra, is surprising the musicians in the East with his slide trombone and Opheracleide solos and is well received and meeting with much success.

Mr. and Mrs. Gussie L. Davis were very enthusiastically received at the benefit entertainment, Feb. 20, tendered Jas. H. Buckin, the popular treasurer at Miner's Eighth Avenue Theater, New York City.

PROF. HENDERSON SMITH.

We have the pleasure of presenting to our many readers, the above likeness of Prof. Henderson Smith, band master of Jno. W. Vogel's famous concert band which is now attracting so much attention throughout the country.

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The "Black Melba" (Miss Daisy Underwood) as soprano soloist with the Canadian Jubilee Singers is meeting with great success and her singing is spoken of in the highest terms by the press and public.

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Smart and Williams late leading comedians with Isham's "Octoroons," are playing dates. Last week they were headliners on the bill at the Orpheum theater, Kansas City, Mo., meeting with great success.

JOHN RUCKER.

If we were to look back in the days of a few years past and call to mind those remarkable impersonations of the various characters when we referred to the character of the old war, we could proudly gaze at the antics of our generous Milt Barlow and raise him aloft to the inspection of the world, for never in the history of his theatrical career, were there any one with artificial or natural ability who had the nerve to enter the then fields his sole reign; but time together with its constant companion, opportunity, have both presented itself and given to us in this modern era, one who in the eyes of this generation, is the literal equivalent to the great Milt Barlow in every sense of the word. It has never as yet fallen to our lot to go out of the ordinary in referring to matters of common worth, but having every faith in the translation of the optical demonstrations we have cast upon the antics of this natural comedian, we therefore wish to deviate from our former customs and take a few steps aside in the pleasing path of comedy and introduce to our many readers, the world's greatest old man impersonator, and comic delineator, Mr. John Rucker. Mr. Rucker is this season with John W. Vogel's "Darkest America" where he never fails to bring the house down in his peculiar presentation of that very funny song "Keep Your Hammers Down.

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"The entertainment now being put on at the Grand by Al. G. Field's Colored Minstrels is amusing," says a Grand Rapids, Mich., daily paper. "The first part is nicely balanced, with the humorous songs, jokes and pathetic ballads. While perhaps the Negro is more sedate than the pale face in his comedy proclivities he generally excels in the vim and spirit with which he dances and sings, and this is applicable to the ensemble work of this company. The vaudeville part of the program introduces Fred Simpson in a well executed trombone solo; Cicero Reed and Son in a very clever silence and fun act and a very graceful terpischorean turn by ten of the company. Shelton and Perrin play on various old musical instruments and the Magnolia quartet was warmly received, as was the dog and monkey circus. Harry Fidler presents a funny monologue, and does not yield to the temptation of overdoing it. Craig in contortion and balancing from a pedestal defies and contradicts nature's laws of anatomy. The whole concludes with a funny burlesque on a game of base ball. The playing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the orchestra aroused the patriotism of the audience to the highest key."

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Jones and Sutton—John and Susie, in their up-to-date songs, dances and coon melodies were great favorites and made great hits in New York at Koster & Bials', Proctor's Theater, Weber & Field's Music Hall and other places of amusement.

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The Canadian Jubilee Singers have been doing a large business in the East, especially since the holidays in spite of the several blizzards they have encountered lately. They are dated solid until the 31st of May, at which time their season closes.

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Harry Eaton and Alf Weathers have dissolved partnership, the City Sports Show having closed in New York city recently. Mr. Eaton is managing the Ike Hines' Colored Theatrical Club and Vaudeville Exchange, at 118 West Twenty-Seventh street, New York city.

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McCabe & Young's "Black Trilby" company is composed of eighteen members: D. W. McCabe, Dan Palmer, Phil Owens, Lee Davy, Orville Kinkaid, Willie McCabe, Will Boseman, Thomas Hughes, P. H. Hughes, A. Allen, Wesley Morris, Burns Foster, Ruby Thornton, Medaray McCabe, Nola Simmons, Hughes Sisters, and Ada Black.

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To Frank Hailstock:—"Say, Bud, we beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of the many inscriptions left on the wall at Elwood, for us, but was sorry indeed to notice your call signed by that after-consideration of minstrelsy, Monsignor Moore, which directed you to hotel De Columbus. My best wishes goes with you, but they can only be realized when attempted to sing: 'I'm tired livin' on Pork and Beans.'"—S. N. Edmonds.

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J. E. Lightfoot (the original boy basso) with the Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra is credited by the press and public as being one of the best colored basso's apearing in concert His rendering of "True Till Death" and the Armourer's song (from Robin Hood) also his own arrangement of the third verse of "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," in C minor, receive rounds of applause nightly and are spoken of in the highest terms by musical critics. He is also meeting with success as leader of the Imperial orchestra, and features of the program.

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Mr. Fred J. Piper, the celebrated barytone soloist, late of Isham's "Octoroons" died in Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 21.

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The Excelsior Quartette, which is composed of the following members: Chas. Miller, Wm. Dorsey, Wm. Appleton and John Buchanan, are receiving an abundant amount of applause with "On the Swanee River" Co.

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Mr. Frank M. Hailstock's two-step, "My Lancaster Belle," with verse by Ruby Shelton, is a howling success, and fast becoming popular. Orders are coming in from the leading music dealers throughout the country. Orchestra and band copies will soon be out. On sale at The Freeman counting rooms. You can secure the piano copies now. Price, 25 cents.

J. HARRY JACKSON.

Muncie Items.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—The Second Baptist church is holding a series of meetings. The pastor, Rev. F. P. Green, is being assisted by Rev. Gray of Shelbyville, Ind. They have been rewarded with several conversions. * * Mrs. Kelly of South Madison street entertained the Terpsichorean club. * * Mrs. Kelly and children left Monday for Indianapolis their future home. * * The ball given by the members of the Terpsichorean club last Tuesday evening was a decided success. * * The home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adams on Kirby avenue was the scene of a brilliant wedding Wednesday, February 23. Robt H. Riffe and Miss Marguerite Rollins being the contracting parties. The house was beautifully decorated with smilax and roses. A bell made of roses and smilax being hung from the ceiling under which the ceremony was performed. Promptly at 9 o'clock the bride and groom marched from the west room through to the parlor while the "Liberty Bell" march was rendered. Rev. F.P. Green of the Second Baptist church performed the ceremony. Those who witnessed the marriage were the members of the "Klondyke Club" of which Mr. Riffe is president. Mr. and Mrs. Vandercook and W. E. H. Marsh were among the guests. The groom wore the conventional black while the bride was beautifully costumed in cream silk and lace and carried bride's roses. The bride's table was profusely decorated. After the wedding supper, the guests enjoyed music and games until a late hour. Robbins Brother's orchestra furnished music. Mr. and Mrs. Riff's many friends wish them a long and prosperous married life. They will be at home to their friends at Mr. and Mrs. Adams.

An Address on Political Economy.

Detroit, Mich., Special.—At the Iroquois Club on last Wednesday evening, ex-Circuit Court Commissioner D. Augustus Straker addressed the members on the subject of Political Economy. He said that Political Economy is that science or rule of conduct which treats of the nature of wealth, and the laws of production and distribution. Production is what industry furnishes, and industry is divided into agricultural, manufacturing and commercial industry, and in these all mankind was both interested and engaged in greater or lesser degrees, black and white, rich and poor, barbarian and civilized. He complimented the Club in turning its attention to those things in which all other citizens were interested, and said that as they were American citizens, they should likewise be interested in all subjects interesting all classes in our midst—That the least discussion about the Negro in America, as a Negro, and the more as an American, the better, and yet this was forced on the Negro by such exclusive organizations as German-American, Irish-American and of late Canadian-American, and in this wake follows the Afro-American. Mr. Straker said that among the ancients, Plato and Aristotle wrote and taught political economy and among the moderns Adam Smith, Sayers, Rayaal, Condorcet, Hume, Richards and Henry George. That it was conceded by all writers that the source of all production is from the earth, and that agriculture was the source of production; that Cain and Abel were the first producers of wealth. Cain was a tiller of the ground and Abel a keeper of sheep. That what was meant by production was the utilization of man's agencies for use and benefit; that it arose out of the necessity of mankind, and that the price paid for an article, or an agency was its value, if in land it was called rent, in labor wages. The earliest method of exchanging value of utility was by barter and exchange, and that wealth was only another term of expressing value in some shape or representative form; that man does not produce, but only reproduces, and reproduction was the source of wealth. A nation's wealth was its value in reproduction as evidenced by the balance in trade. That as land was the source of production, so land only ought to be taxed and not production. Mr. Straker also said that as labor was the agent in all industrial, commercial or agricultural production, the wealth of the South during slavery was of right belonging to the slave, who was unpaid for his agency in production; that the capital accumulated by the slave owner was the plant as it consisted in cotton produced by his slave labor. Mr. Straker referred to the money question and said that political demagoguery had much to that political demagogery had much to ply and demand. Mr. Straker spoke both a commodity and a representative of commodities, as bullion it was a commodity as corn or wheat, as money it represented the value of corn and wheat as regulated by the laws of sup- for an hour and was listened to with attention. The Club gave him a rising vote of thanks. * * Mr. Straker's law book "Circuit Court Commissioners Guide Law and Practice" is being bought rapidly. Those beyond Michigan obtaining it as a souvenir of the first law book written by an Afro-American lawyer.

President McKinley Endorsed.

Columbus, O., Special.—Charles Higganbottom has been sued for divorce by his wife who alleges cruelty. * * Charles Crawford was bound over to wait the action of the grand jury. * * Mrs. James Merrill is out again. * * Miss Nettie Allen of Sellsville is on the sick list. * * Mrs. Bates whose husband had filed a bill for divorce has made application to the court to be allowed money to defend herself. * * Dr. Johnson of Cincinnati delivered a speech before the Franklin County Afro-American League which was in session Monday. * * James Hall of Sellsville has gone to work in the pipe works. * * James Graves of Wilberforce is visiting his mother, Mrs. Ruth Grave. * * The annual session of the Franklin County League was called to order at ten o'clock by the president, B. Taylor, when the officers made their several reports and business of the past six months was reviewed. J. L. Curtis, R. Williams, B. Mitchell, E. Hayden, G. Rusis, W. H. Lynch, J. Seaton, Harry Alexander, M. Tyler, M. Houston, alternates; Dr. Tyler, H. Suan, E. Triplett, D. Anderson, Robert Allen, H. H. Chavores. North Side McKinley Club: T. S. Banner, J. J. Garner, R. C. Minor, J. H. Williams, F. H. Reynolds, J. H. Smith, John Banner. Charles Summer Club: N. H. Anderson, I. Beason, G. C. Whittaker, T. Smith, P. H. Isabel, Dr. Dickerson, C. H. Garner, W. E. King. Evan Club: J. Fransom, E. Cook, C. Greene, J. H. Jones, F. H. Henson, S. H. Walker, Ninth Ward Club: T. Robinson, R. Scott, T. Cooper, I. Melton, B. Bowman, E. Brown, William H. Gibson. Tom Curtis Club, W. Cousin, C. S. Davis, J. M. Smallwood, J. Wilson, Dr. Jones, Marshall Jordan, C. Taylor, Irvin Valentine, Galway Club of Westville: W. Mathews, W. Tate, W. Williams, Smith Cable. Afterwards the report of the different officers were received and acted on. A resolution endorsing President McKinley, Governor Bushnell and Mark Hanna was passed and one of sympathy in behalf of the struggling Cubans. Resolutions were passed denouncing the killing of the postmaster and his child, and the wounding of his wife and children and speeches by King Lee. Curtis and Dr. Johnson of Cincinnati, and Representative Clifford and Stewart. The election of officers followed by the electing of Riley Williams, president; W. W. Mathews, vice president; William Ward, secretary; Capt. Ned Brown, sergeant at arms.

Items of Interest.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.—The Allen Day exercises at St. Luke A. M. E. church were much enjoyed and creditable to the teachers and young people of the Sabbath school. The music for the occasion was mostly new and well selected. * * Mrs. Orrie Burks is better at this writing. * * S. T. Chambers and Mrs. Lizzie Webb were married last Thursday evening, Rev. W. C. Banton officiated. * * Messrs Griffin and Bro. have opened a grocery on Dale road. * * The Freeman can be found on sale every Saturday at Wells & Gary's barber shop, on Randall street. * * Jacob Jackson was called to Montgomery, Ala., last Tuesday to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Geo. Mims. * * Charlie Moore is better. * * Leave your news items for The Freeman at Wells & Gary's barber shop. * * Miss Della Thomas is on the sick list. * * Subscribe for The Freeman the only illustrated Negro journal, $1.50 per year, only 5 cents per copy. Don't miss next week's issue of The Freeman. Order a copy from the agent. * * Prof. S. M. Murphy, Albert Woods, Dave Raymon, F. J. Tennill and Prof. C. M. Wells attended the Negro conference at Tuskegee, Ala., last week. * * J. E. Lucas spent several days in Troy, Ala., last week. * * Mrs. Hattie Stidham died on the 26th, the funeral took place at St. Luke A. M. E. church last Sunday evening, Rev. W. C. Banton officiated. * * Last Sunday was rally day at St. John A. M. E. church. Rev. M. C. Banton and Rev. R. T. Pollard were present and preached excellent sermons. The choir rendered some excellent selections. The amount realized will appear in next week's issue of The Freeman. * * Rev. J. B. Dodson filled the pulpit Sunday morning at St. Luke A. M. E. church. * * Rev. B. F. Rollins spent last Sunday in this city. * * Rev. W. C. Banton preached an able sermon Sunday night at St. Luke. * * Miss Sallie Comer has returned from Louisville, Ala. * * B. F. Turpin, of Ozard, Ala., spent last Sunday in this city. * * Wm. Clayton, of Clayton, Ala., spent last Sunday here. * * Services were well attended at the First Baptist church last Sunday. Rev. R. T. Pollard preached an able sermon at 11 a. m. * * The celebration of the fourth anniversary of Bluff City Lodge, 3700, took place at the Main hall on the 25th.

Allen Day Exercises.

Chambersburg, Pa., Special.—Allens Day exercises were held at the A. M. E. church Thursday the 17th, Rev. Stiles made an excellent address as did Superintendent Downey. Miss Martha Christian and Jos. Johnston. * * Memorial services were held in behalf of Eva Nooper in St. James church. * * The Willing Workers presented Rev. Stiles with twenty-five dollars. * * S. E. Johnson is spending a few days in Philadelphia. * * A number of colored citizens are desirous of being appointed on the police force. * * Faucet Lodge No. 1497 G. U. O. of O. F. gave an entertainment at the A. M. Z. church. * * Carry Brown is improving. * * Jas. Garner of Winchester, W. Va., is visiting in the city. * * Miss Nellie Snavely of Shippensburg is visiting Miss Louise Compton. * * Miss Nellie Baltimore spent the 22d in Greencastle. * * Messrs Philip Brown, James Cook, Walter Smith spent the 22d in Greencastle. * * Miss Jones, the elocutionist, gave a concert at the A. M. E. Z. church. * * Miss Cadelia James has returned to Philadelphia. * * Misses Edith James and Blanche Christian spent Sunday in Greencastle. * * E. H. Morris preached at the St. James church on the 27th.

Newsy Notes.

Wartrace, Tenn., Special.—Miss Sara Webster of Nashville is at home again. her mother, Mrs. John Webster, is much better. * * Mrs. Martha Campbell is still on the sick list. Miss Lovie Murphy is up again. * * The Rev. J. S. Stubbs is at home from Texas. He and his wife were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Cleveland Saturday evening. * * H. Roger Williams passed through last week with his graphaphone. He exhibited at the Methodist church Friday night to a large audience. He was at the Baptist church Saturday night. * * The Rev. L. B. Watson has moved to the parsonage. * * Prof. W. A. J. Edmondson was in town last week.

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An Up-to-date Romance Wherein the Arrows of the Little God of Love Often Missed their Marks.

Written for The Freeman by Augustus M. Hodges, (B. Square.)

Author of "Fred. Jackson's Vow," "Between Two Races," "Maid and Mistress," "Mr. John White, Jr.," "The Cedar Hill School," "Courtship by Proxy," "The Biography of Sarah Martin," "Robbing the Mail," "Judge Clifford's Daughter" (in press), "Marion Brown's Home," "B. Square's Bluster," "The Step-mother's Side of the Story," Etc., Etc., Etc.

CHAPTER XXX.

The next day at noon, Brown visited the jewelry store of a young man he knew who dealt with the firm of Draper & Co.

"How are you Brown, What's the news?" asked the jeweler, thinking our hero had run in for a few moments' social chat.

"The news is Smith that I want to buy a ring, an engagement ring—of good quality and not too dear."

Smith walked over to a case and took therefrom several rings, saying "Now Brown if you see anything here you like, I'll let you have it at half price."

"Now, Smith, I know nothing about the value of goods in your line."

"Well, leave it to me."

"Well, I will, as they say 'there is honor among thieves' there must be some among friends, and I claim your friendship."

"That's O. K., now here's a diamond ring, pure gold, of the first water, as you can see, I'll let you—"

"I know nothing about the value of the rings, you are the judge and I throw myself upon the mercy of the court—don't cheat me, give me a good ring, not too dear, and not too cheap. Pick me out a ring that will fit over the first joint of my fore finger."

"Here you are Brown. Here's a diamond ring worth fifty dollars that I will let you have for twenty dollars, and promise you if your girl calls and asks the price I'll tell her you paid me sixty for it. You are getting it thirty dollars less on account of friendship."

Brown paid the twenty dollars and took the ring. It was a fine one, seemingly a pure gold diamond one. It was his intention to place it upon the finger of May Brandus the next night—Wednesday—when he called.

Wednesday morning as he went up to the paper stand to buy the "N. Y. Press," his favorite paper, he noticed on the first page of one of the sensational news papers a head line which arrested his attention and curiosity. He bought the paper instead of his favorite one. As he boarded the car for the Brooklyn Bridge on his way to New York he read the following:

A STRANGE INFATUATION!
BLONDE—MARRIES A BLACK,
REPULSIVE LOOKING IGNORANT NEGRO.

(Special to the N. Y. Morning Sensation.)

"Mill Creek, N. J., May 12, 1890.—This quiet little village was to-day aroused with indignation. Miss Eva Longstreet, a beautiful white girl married a Negro. She was the belle of the village, and several young gentlemen of the first families were anxious to win her heart and hand, still, in the face of this, she married a repulsive, ignorant Negro—a barber. Her parents are heart broken and the father has gone gunning for the Negro, who he believes used undue influence on his daughter.

The eloping couple, it is thought, have gone either to Philadelphia or New York. The whole village is up in arms about the elopement."

On the first page of the paper was the picture of a repulsive looking black man—Tom Wright—and a beautiful white girl—Eva Longstreet.

"The Sensation" was a leading New York paper of its class and its editors and owners were Negro haters and never missed an opportunity to place a barrier in the pathway of the colored race. In view of these facts, Brown turned at once to the editorial page, knowing full well that he would find some unfavorable editorial comment upon the New Jersey elopement. The leading editorial was over a column in length and bore the headlines: "A Strange Infatuation."

After calling attention to the news article on the first page, and carefully reviewing the same, the editor spoke of the inferiority of the Negro; the reasons why he was inferior and the reasons why he would always be the inferior of the white man, physically, mentally, morally and socially. He reviewed the history of both races, he lamented facts, quoted celebrated authors, and ended in a seemingly impartial conclusion.

Brown read and re-read this editorial on his way to work. He could not but admit that the article seemed logical, although he knew it came from a prejudiced pen. The firm of Draper & Co took all the New York morning newspapers and the more Brown pondered over the article the more uneasy he grew.

"I must hurry to the store and destroy this morning's copy of the Sensation, 'twill never do for May to see it, as the two articles together with the repulsive picture of this fellow, will poison her mind against me."

When he reached the store, he was surprised to find Miss Brandus there. She had come an hour ahead of her time in order to fix up her books. Their eyes met, after which Brown said to himself: "Too late, she has seen the paper." Still hope told him she had not.

"You do the outside work, Wilson," he said to one of his men, "I'll fix the office up this morning."

As he entered, Miss Brandus went into the private office with her books, without taking any notice of our hero. Brown at once rushed over to the desk where the morning newspapers lay, he at once looked them over—the Sensation was missing. His heart fell like lead. "It's a fact," he exclaimed aloud in an undertone to himself, she's read the whole story, I'm too late."

After he had put the office in order he hurried out and gave orders to the other men not to burn any old papers that morning until he had inspected them. Soon after he heard Miss Brandus ask one of the small boys to get her a copy of the "Sensation." He saw her put the same with the other morning papers on Mr. Draper's desk. Whatever hopes or doubts Brown had this act removed them and the final conclusion was reached an hour or so later when he found in the scrap basket a morning's copy of the "Sensation."

A few minutes late or a few minutes early often changes the course of a life time. Had Brown reached the store ten minutes sooner or Miss Brandus ten minutes later their futures might have taken a different course. 'Twas not so ordered to be, we again repeat,

"Faint is the flower that droops
Beneath a cloudier clime;
Weak is the heart that stoops
To circumstances or time."
"Love bears within itself the very germ
Of change: and should this be otherwise?"

[To be continued.]

What is Said of The Freeman.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 19, 1898.

Dear Sirs: Enclosed find $1 to continue my subscription. Your paper has been in my family for some time, and it seems that we cannot live without it. Yours. JAMES MASON.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 19, 1898.

Mr. Knox: Inclosed I hand you money order for subscription to The Freeman and a copy of Sept. 11, '97, which number will make my eighth volume, all beautifully bound. Please hurry along this paper of the 11th, so I can hand it to my binder. Refering to the Christmas number of The Freeman, I am proud to say that superb zenith was veritably attained in this number, both in typography and in the elegance of contributions. In its general make-up the question was undoubtedly settled by all fair-minded thinkers that The Freeman as a true race journal leads, and all others follow. Yours,

JOHN J. THOMAS.

Alexandria, La., Jan. 4, 1898.

Editor Freeman—I find it impossible for me to keep posted about the negro's progress and the vital issues that touch his public life and his weal and woe in general, except I receive and read The Freeman.

I also feel it my duty to give you my support, financial and otherwise, because of the heroic and manly, just and sensible stand that you have taken upon all questions that concern the negro. Your policy has not been vacillating, your principles have at all times been known. You've spoken out in no compromising manner against the injustice and harshness that the race suffers.

Find inclosed a money order for one year's subscription to The Freeman.

Wishing you and The Freeman another triumphant and successful year, I am,

Yours for justice and progress,
JOS. L. WILEY.

A handsome gray taffeta seen lately had bayadere stripes of pale yellow satin, about a half inch in width. Yellow with gray seems to be in demand.

HELPS THE PLUMBER.

The House Rat Eats Quantities of Lead Pipe and Creates Sewer Gas.

One of the most persistent and destructive assistants the plumber has is the house rat. A rat can eat out plumbing as fast as an average honest man can pay for it. To a rat a greasy lead pipe is a toothsome morceau. When a hungry rat forsakes the barn and finds his way into the cellar of a house and thence up through the walls to the space between the floors, the first thing he tackles is the grease on the outside of a lead waste pipe. If he finds other food shortly thereafter, he spares the pipe, otherwise he eats the pipe and the water escapes through to the ceiling below and ruins the plaster. The plumber is sent for and repairs the leak, but he doesn't tell what caused it.

Once upon a time a rat was "hoist by his own petard," so to speak. He got into a house and found his way to a lead pipe, on which he tried his teeth. It was pleasant chewing and put a fine edge on his teeth, so he continued. Soon he had eaten a large hole in the pipe and a stream of scalding water poured forth. Before he could escape he had been scalded to death, to say nothing of being drowned. But he had the satisfaction of knowing that he had ruined a fine ceiling and that the carpet underneath it had been soaked full of limewater. There is no great loss without some small gain.

Just to show what they could do, some rats once ate 50 feet of lead pipe under a bathroom and over the kitchen of a big hotel in this city. The floor of the bathroom was marble and under it was a fireproof floor made of iron beams and hollow tiles. The pipes were laid in the space between the floor and the girders. Rats were attracted thereto by the odors from the kitchen. They met the lead pipes. When their appetites were satisfied, the space was filled with lead dust.

Rats like to eat drain pipes from kitchen sinks because they are lined with grease. The only way to keep them away is to pack the pipes with mineral wool. Mineral wool is a substance made of furnace slag through which a jet of air has been forced while it cooled. The mineral wool gets into the eyes of the rats and drives them away. Modern plumbers discourage rats by laying iron instead of lead pipes.

Rats, strange to say, are great breeders of sewer gas. They gather up bones and scraps of meat about the kitchen yard and carry them up into the rafters between floors and ceilings. The presence of this plunder is sooner or later discovered by the odor, and the plumber is sent for to discover whence the sewer gas comes. It is not always well to tell the housekeeper the truth.

Thus it is the humble brown house rat helps his friend the plumber earn an honest livelihood, and the plumber thanks him in his own gentle way.—Kansas City Star.

Too Personal.

One of the women's patriotic societies held an open meeting in Washington recently, and the members were called upon to respond to various sentiments of a patriotic character. The woman who had the affair in charge notified each member of the toast she would be expected to respond to ten days or so before the meeting. To one young woman whom, as it happened, she did not know personally at all she sent the toast, "Our Fag." The young woman received it, and at once went to call on the head of the society in a state of great distress. She simply could not respond to the toast, she said. She didn't know whether a joke was intended, but she had been chaffed unmercifully about it already and just simply wouldn't go near the meeting if she were to be called on to speak on that subject.

"Why, what on earth is wrong with that sentiment?" asked the head of the society.

The pretty young woman hesitated. She blushed.

"Well," she said, "you see, I'm going to marry a man named Flagg."—Washington Post.

Story of a Ring and a Slipper.

The daughter of a wealthy resident of the hill section presented a young woman friend with a pair of dainty slippers, and in the toe of one of them she placed a valuable ring, set with an opal and two diamonds. The present went to the destination, but the slippers did not fit, and the recipient of the gift did not discover the ring. She sent the slippers back to the store, and they were placed on the shelves with the thousands of other similar boxes.

On Monday the floorwalker in the shoe department received a severe shock when a young woman rushed into the place and rambled off a lot of talk about missing jewels. After some difficulty he managed to get the facts of her story together, and then every one of the employees was ordered to begin a search for the slippers. In two hours they were found, and the ring was just where it had been placed.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Needs of the Present.

"Wouldn't your majesty like to take out some life insurance?" respectfully asked the agent on being admitted to the royal presence.

"I can't afford it," replied King Solomon. "It's all I can do to look after my family while I'm alive."

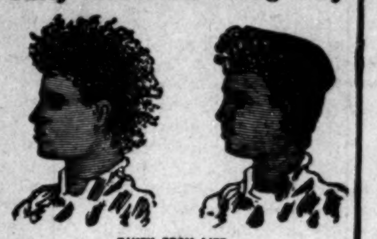
Waving his hand to signify that the interview was ended, he turned to the speaking tube and ordered his steward to provide 300 porterhouse steaks and 700 veal cutlets, breaded, with tomato sauce, for the family dinner.—Chicago Tribune.

The Silk Hat Epoch.

Mrs. Greathead—I want a silk hat for my husband and one for my son.

Hatter—I didn't know they wore them.

Mrs. Greathead—They haven't heretofore, but now my son is growing his first mustache and my husband's taking an interest in politics.—Philadelphia Record.



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It is the curse of Spiritualism that in all large cities there are a class of men and women who claim powers they do not possess. They have neither gifts, credentials, nor references. Surely the colored people are not so wanting ing in sense as to throw their time and money away on such. Dr. Shea refers to the Hon. Chas. Miller, capitalist, 2481 Atlantic Ave.; the Hon. Wm. Denmore, architect and builder, 47 Cleveland avenue, and Mr. Fred Lampe, grocer, 841 Fulton street, Brooklyn. All have known him for the past ten years. He gives a free test of his power to all. The doctor has practiced five years in New Orleans, St. Louis, Memphis, and Louisville; understands thoroughly the diseases, spells or influences the race is subject to. He has now and always had large patronage from them.

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
2937 Atlantic Ave.

Brooklyn, Aug. 15, 1891.—This letter is to certify that my husband had gone away and had been absent two years. I mourned for him night and day. I gave him up as dead. Hearing of the wonderful things Dr. Shea was doing I resolved to consult him. He told me that my husband was alive and well and where he was; told me he would come home and when. To my joy all of it came true. He is home now came back like one from the dead. I also wish to say that this month I lost $250. I am a poor woman and I was almost insane. I went to Dr. Shea and he told me I would find my money and to my intense joy I did find it as he told me. I thank God there is a man so gifted in our midst that can help people and tell them what to do. Sincerely, Mrs. Barrett,
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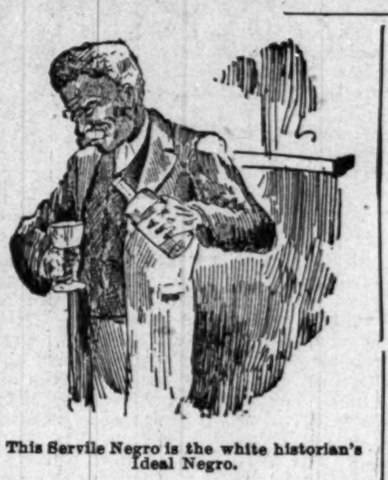

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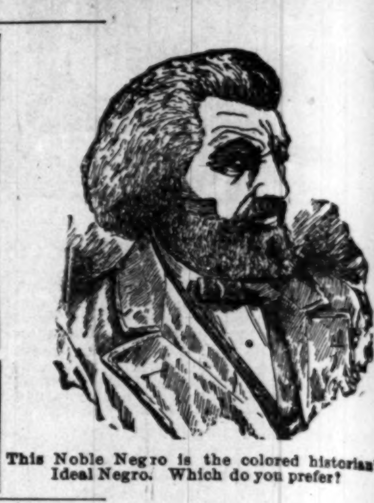

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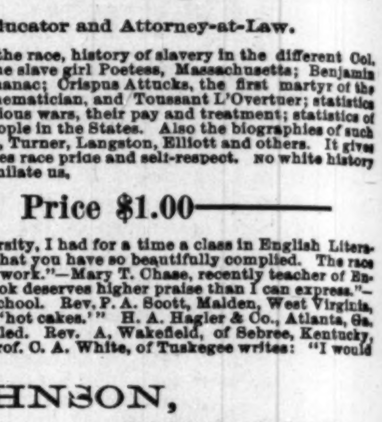

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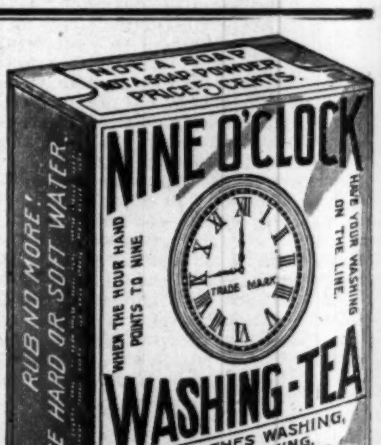

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NOTES OF FASHION.

Bright greens will be conspicuous in the millinery wirld.

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Hairline stripes in camels hair, tweed, serge, etc., are popular.

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Velvet ribbon, No. 5, in cross rows, is a favorite for trimming sleeves.

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The popular turquoise is now used for lorgnette chains and similar articles.

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The favorite colors used in woolen goods are seen in fancy plaid ginghams.

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Black gowns are in vogue, some with braid, others with satin ribbon trimming.

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Plisse materials are to the fore for children's best frocks and dancing-school gowns.

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White satin revers braided in black silk cord embellish a stylish short cape of black velvet.

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Turquoise blue velvet with black-and-white costumes is a fad with fashion's followers.

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The imported silk and wool mixtures are expensive, but very handsome and effective.

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Openwork stripes, tucks, crepon and boucle effects characterize novel grenadines in black and colors.

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Silk and velvet yokes in cloth bodices are prettily outlined with a gold cording or narrow piping of satin.

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Some of the more elaborate suede belts are studded with steel nailheads and finished with small steel buckles.

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Dark blue plaided with medium-toned green predominates in the newest light-weight tartan tweeds for costumes.

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We are assured by an authority that nothing equals black net, gauze or mouseline for covering the sins of a half-worn gown.

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Young ladies evening dresses in all the light shades of green are modish. Flounces on skirts are a marked feature of the latest imported gowns.

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A fad of the hour, that for some reason or other, has not been much commented upon, is the silken petticoat made of wide ribbon put together with stripes of lace insertion. This is made over a foundation to which are attached pleated frills of silk edged with lace.

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Corn yellow and empire green are colors in silk hosiery that have taken the fancy of fashionable women. High shoes of green morocco for house wear will be one of the great spring novelties—to match the green stockings. Gray stands pre-eminent among the more sober colors for shoes and stockings worn in the French capital.

Improving.

Manchester, Tenn., Special—Manchester is being improved rapidly. Within two years two churches, a Methodist and a Christian, have been built. Rev. T. Allen and Rev. J. Merideth the respective pastors. * * Quarterly conference was held at the M. E. Church on the 12th. and 13th. * * Rev. H. W. White, the presiding elder, being ill, Rev. Merideth from Tullahoma district held the services. * * Charlie Minton and Miss Lulu Neves were married on the 13th., at the residence of Mrs. Matilda Vannoy Rev. Allen officiated. A host of friends witnessed the ceremony. * * Judie, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lyons, died the 8th and was buried the 9th.* * Luke Lyons is on the sick list. * * Dr. A. B. Cross, of Nashville, passed through the city en route to Chattanooga. * * Miss Peggie ——— of Tullahomo is visiting in the city the guest of Miss Ella Vannoy.

A Welcome Visitor.

Ft. Scott, Ark., Special.—Dr. M. F. Flinn passed through here from Morrellton en route to Muscogee, I. T. * * The Freeman is a welcome visitor here. * * The buildings that were wrecked by the storm are being rebuilt. * * Otis Gordon has been quite ill but at this writing is improving. * * Albert Gordon, of St. Louis, is visiting his brother. * * A revival is being carried on at the Fourth Baptist church. Seventy-one were added to the church, of which number forty-two will be baptized.

Grim Reaper—Death.

Brownsville, Tenn., Special.—Hiram Mabry departed this life Feb. 11. Funeral services were held at the C. M. E. church. Rev. Farmer officiated. The Elder delivered an effective discourse. Mr. Mabry leaves a wife, a brother and two sisters to lament his death, to whom the sympathy of all is extended. * * Taylor Newbern was in town recently.

February, 1898.—Editor The Freeman: Enclosed please find renewal for The Freeman for one year. It is an educator to those interested in the race. So please see that it is continued. With God's speed, long live the great Freeman to do battle for the right.

A. O. Booth, Wilmington, B. C.

HOW A MAN MADE $7,000.

Because the Chap Who Lost It Told His Business In a Cafe.

"Don't discuss your private business affairs in a public place," said an old Brooklynite to the New Yorker who approached him in a cafe near the city hall. Then the Brooklyn man, pointing out a real estate dealer, said:

"Talking about a business deal in this very cafe cost that man $7,000, and the money went into my pocket too. You see, he represented a syndicate that wanted to build on some property in which I was interested as the owner of one house and city lot. The agent did not know me from a Canarsie clammer. Well, he came in here with a friend—one of the syndicate—for luncheon on an afternoon in last July. They took seats at this table. I sat at the next one.

"I began to 'take notice,' as grandmas say, when I heard the strangers at the next table discuss quite loudly a deal in relation to the property adjoining mine. The agent had ordered a fine layout for luncheon and was evidently well pleased with his deal. He said to his friend:

"'Well, I pulled off the trick for that property at 219 Cheap street today. The owner thought I was doing him a favor. I started in at $15,000 and finally closed with him for $18,000. He bit in a hurry. Why, the property is worth $25,000 if it's worth a dollar to us. Now I must look for the chap that owns 221. He'll be glad to get $18,000 for his house. It's lucky for us they're not on to the fact that we want to buy that entire block.'

"I didn't need to do any eavesdropping, you see. That little speech of the agent cost him exactly $7,000. You can readily guess that I, as the owner of 221 Cheap street, was not especially anxious to sell after that. I kept Mr. Real Estate Man on the jump for nearly five months, and when I let up on him I got my price, exactly $25,000—a neat little profit of $7,000 above what I would have gladly accepted. So you see the point of my remark to you, 'Don't discuss private business affairs in a public place.' Now we'll go to my office, and I'll listen to your proposition."—New York Sun.

HIDDEN GOLD IN PARIS.

Many Fanatics Spend Their Lives Hunting For Buried Treasure.

Some Parisians are actually kept from wandering by conviction that there is hidden treasure behind the walls or beneath the flooring or in the chimney nook or under the roof, says Chambers' Journal.

You are told that during the numberless sieges to which Paris has been subjected and the internal revolutions it has undergone there exists not a cellar or a garret but has become the receptacle of some part of the immense riches accumulated in religious houses and old families. There is, perhaps, nothing irrational in the supposition that in the good old times when convents were made the depositories not only of the secrets of the aristocracy, but of the family jewels likewise, instances must have occurred wherein these deposits were buried and remain undiscovered, together with the treasures of the confraternity. But human folly has of late years exalted this rational possibility into dazzling certainty. Every means is now resorted to and more gold and precious time expended than the most valuable treasure could repay in order to seize the secret which still resists discovery. "While you of the matter of fact, plodding Anglo-Saxon race are toiling and broiling in Australia and California, searching for gold, we gold seekers of Paris find it here beneath our feet in the old quarters of the city round Notre Dame and the Hotel de Ville, where gold is teeming in greater plenty than amid the rock bowlders of California or beneath the soil of Ballarat," said Ducasse, the great treasure seeker.

The Art of Lighting a Pipe.

Now, comrades, not to waste time talking of style of pipe or brands of tobacco—tastes differ in those things—try this: Keep pipe and stem as clean as possible, and the time to clean them is immediately after a smoke. Fill the bowl with your favorite brand and press down firmly, but don't strive to see how solid you can pack it. If you make it as solid as wood, it will burn like wood and make a coal fire about as hot and ungrateful. Don't light the entire surface. Don't "pull" as though you had no more matches and feared it would "go out." Light a small spot directly in the center. Smoke slowly until it works its way gradually downward. If it undertakes to spread, press it down again with thumb or finger. A half minute's care in starting is all that is required. Now smoke slowly. The little fire continues downward, delicately roasting the tobacco on the sides, and presently, when you cave this off, there will come a revelation in soft, mellow smoke, so cool, so delicious, so soothing, that you will never regret having read this.—Sports Afield.

Von.

In Germany "von" implies nobility, and all persons who belong to the nobility prefix "von" to their names without any exception. Persons who do not belong to the nobility cannot have the right to put "von" before their names. A man who is knighted for some reason, however, has the same right to put "von" before his family name as a person of ancient nobility. For instance, when Alexander Humboldt was knighted he became Alexander von Humboldt. All his descendants, male and female, take the prefix.—Philadelphia Press.

Switzerland enjoys the unenviable distinction of having a larger percentage of lunatics than any other country. In the canton of Zurich there are 3,261 in a population of 339,000.

In 1564 a pair of shoes made in England cost tenpence.

RAILROADING AS A BUSINESS.

Hustle Once, Last and All the Time, Says Chauncey Depew.

The railway profession presents more attractions for a young man than any other line of business, says Chauncey M. Depew in "Railroad Men." It has greater opportunities for advancement, and its employment is more permanent. To succeed in it in any department requires health, brains, honesty and equipment. The young man must make up his mind that if he would rise in the profession he must never question the kind of work that is put upon him, the hours which are required of him or the places, agreeable or disagreeable, to which he is assigned.

Railway organization is essentially military, because upon the ability, vitality and integrity of the vast number of men in the various positions working harmoniously together depend most of the internal commerce of the country, the prosperity of business, the activities of communities, great and small, the funds of investors and the safety of hundreds of millions of passengers.

The young man who proposes to enter railway service should first decide whether he will take his chances for a career in outdoor or indoor work. If outdoor work, which is in the operating department, he will be immensely assisted if he has had the opportunities which are offered in the technical schools. In these days of thorough training it is almost impossible for a young man of ordinary education to get on in competition with the graduates of the Sheffield Scientific school at Yale, the scientific schools of Columbia, the special education of Cornell, the big advantages of the Troy Polytechnic and the Stevens institute, and the instruction given in many other of the schools and colleges of the United States.

If he selects indoor work, he must make up his mind that much more will be required of him at first than in commercial lines. If he is in the treasurer's department and shows special efficiency and intelligence, when a vacancy occurs in the freight department, in any discussion that should happen between the heads of these departments, he is almost certain to be drafted for a better position by the traffic manager, and vice versa.

Railroading differs from no other business or profession in its beginnings. The salary is small. The work is hard. It is only the few who by cheerful readiness at all times to perform their own tasks and to stay several hours—and if necessary all night—to meet the requirements of the office or to do the work of the lame, lazy and incompetent attract the attention of their superiors and are marked for promotion.

In the service every one's eye is on every one else. There is a generous appreciation of comradeship, at the same time there is severe criticism of the conduct and character of fellow employees and officers. The moment an officer becomes careless of his duties, inattentive and out of reach when wanted, his chances for promotion are over, and the accident of a discharge or displacement it imminent.

There is but one rule of success in railway service, and that is, no matter how high you get, once a hustler always a hustler and a hustler until you die or resign.

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In Mr. Jones' collection of pottery and porcelain at the South Kensington museum there is an egg shaped Gros Bleu Sevres vase with medallions of Cupid and Psyche which was acquired for 3,000 guineas. The celebrated Barberini or Portland vase, now preserved in the gold chamber of the British museum, was purchased by Sir. W. Hamilton for £1,000, and afterward sold to the Duchess of Portland for £1,800. A historical vase was recently put under the hammer at Christie's. It was one of a pair presented to the Marquis of Montcalm (the defender of Quebec) by Louis XV. The last bid for this splendid work of art was £1,995. One of the largest vases in the world was a present from the late czar to the city of Paris. It is made from an immense block of jasper, is eight feet high and is valued at £1,500.—London Tit-Bits.

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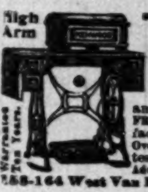

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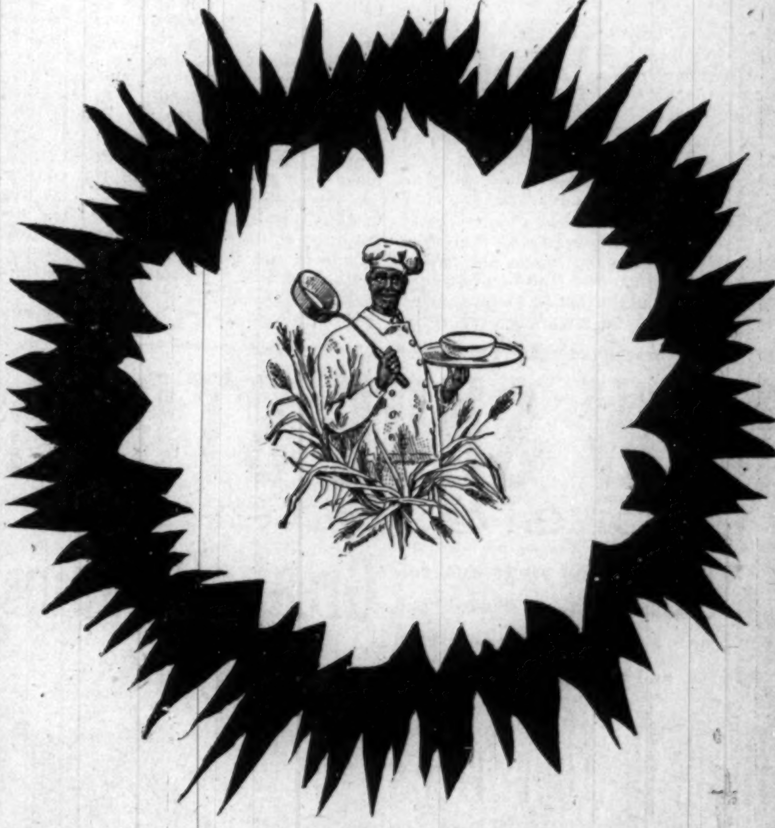

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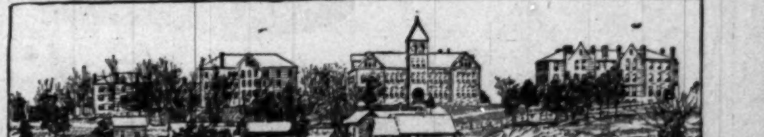

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Miss Mamie Skinner of N. California street, is still seriously ill.

Miss Fannie Caldwell of 714 Fayette street, has been very ill for several days.

Mrs. Geo. L. Knox is confined to her room at her home, 220 West Vermont street.

Examine the fine and varied display of spring goods to be seen at T. W. Fleming, the tailor, 316 Indiana avenue.

Jessie Washington, the three-year-old son of James Washington, 525 Wood street, died Monday of burns received last Sunday.

Sidney Steele, of 26 E. Court street, died at the city hospital last Saturday of kidney disease. He was 20 years old.

Mr. Wm. Lamount, of W. Twelfth street, has been confined to his room for the past week with a paralytic stroke.

Miss Stella Hart and quite a number of other colored young ladies have taken the civil service examination for meat inspector.

All people of musical ability who wish to appear in concert in the city should send their names to Maurice F. White, 13 South Illinois.

Mrs. Wilson, mother of the Misses Mary and Victoria Wilson, is seriously ill at her home corner of College avenue and Seventeenth street.

The home of Mr. Geo. Evans, 616 W. North street, was damaged by fire last Monday evening. Most of the household effects were saved.

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Maurice F. White has organized a concert company, composed of the best musical talent of the tSate, and is prepared to furnish concerts on short notice.

An incendiary fire occurred last Sunday evening at J. S. Simms' grocery, 1202 Howard street. A loss of $75 was insured. No clue to the perpetrators of the deed.

A masquerade social was given at Simpson's chapel last Thursday evening. An enjoyable time was had by all who attended and a neat sum was realized for the church.

The mysterious death of Theodore Smith, two and a half years old, whose parents live at 734 Indiana avenue, last Monday night, called Deputy Coroner Dodds to the residence, where he found the mother nearing the throes of death. The child had not had an attending physician for over three weeks and its sudden death looked suspicious, but it was found to be from natural causes.

Misses Etta Lewis, Estelle Johnson and Bertha Sweeny have been admitted to the Training School. Their percentage was the highest of twelve that had taken the examination.

Mrs. Mary Campbell of 214 Toledo street took five cents worth of morphine last Sunday evening with suicidal intent, but was saved by Drs. Furniss and Erdman. She was 42 years old.

Mr. T. W. Fleming, the well known tailor at 316 Indiana avenue, respectfully invite you to inspect his choice and varied selection of spring goods and suitings. A perfect fit guaranteed.

Jordan Thomas was found in a drunken condition last Sunday morning at Pennsylvania and South streets, with a very ugly gash above the right eye. He was unable to account for the injury.

Be sure you find the office of Grant H. Clay, the only permanently located colored dentist in the city. Prices reasonable. Entrance 95 North Delaware street, southeast corner Delaware and Ohio streets.

Henry Robinson, an aged and heretofore respected citizen, pleaded guilty in the criminal court last Monday to the charge of stealing chickens and was fined $1 and costs and sentenced to sixty days in the work house.

Chas. Hubbard and Wm. Jasper posted a bet of $5 with Joe Tobin as stakeholder upon the outcome of the Redmond murder trial. Jasper won, but when he went to draw the stakes he found that Hubbard had got them. He had Hubbard arrested for obtaining money on false pretenses.

Quarterly meeting services were held last Sunday at Blackford Street M. E. church. Rev. A. L. Murray, of Allen Chapel, preached the sacramental sermon. It was a banner day for collections, the afternoon contributions alone amounting to $45.

All members of the last year's Musical Festival Chorus are cordially invited to participate in the coming event. Rehearsals for the present on Thursday evenings at the residence of Wm. M. Lewis, 1956 Yandes street. Other places will be established as early as convenient.

A cake walk will be given at Tomlinson Hall, March 16, under the management of Mr. Wm. C. Brown. Two prizes will be given, a prize of $25 will be given to the best couple in full dress and a prize of $10 will be given to the most comic couple. Prizes will also be given for buck and wing dancing. Curtis Walker will lead the grand march.

Our readers are especially invited to visit the New Shoe Store at (new) 217 Indiana avenue, where they can find a full line of the latest styles and colors of ladies', gents', misses' and children's shoes at rock bottom prices. Mr. S. E. Hedrick, the proprietor, is a genial gentleman, and he guarantees "honest goods at lowest prices." He earnestly solicits your patronage. See his advertisement on the local page.

Dr. Ward in Noblesville.

Last Tuesday evening Dr. Ward delivered an address on Pythianism in Noblesville, to the people of that city. It has been known that the Doctor has oratorical powers of which he need not be ashamed and he used them to excellent advantage on this occasion. The Hamilton County Ledger, a white paper, said some very fine things of him, all of which we heartily aprove.

The result of Dr. Ward's effore was a temporary organization with fifty names enrolled and headed by such men as Fred J. Hord, president, formerly of The Freeman, George Dempsey, vice-president; financial secretary, Levi Scott; recording secretary, Edgar Williams, treasurer, Wm. Steward. This organization will transact business until the formation of the lodge, which will be in a few weeks.

The Doctor says he is very much impressed with the people of Noblesville. They are a fine, intelligent class of people and have the genuine ring of hospitality. Among the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of the county are interested in the order of Knights of Pythias and he says he has no doubt of setting up one of the strongest lodges in the State there.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodward Stewart entertained Dr. Ward while in the city, and as they always do, made things very pleasant for him. We might say, too, while the Doctor did not go for that purpose, several consulted him on professional business.

Personal and Society.

Mr. Samuel Fasen has returned to Alexandria.

Misses Elnora and Myrtle Parker visited relatives in Lebanon last Sunday.

Mr. Fred Gresham of the Tennessee Warblers, visited friends in the city last week.

Mr. Wm. Tracy of Richmond, Ind., was in the city last Monday enroute to St. Louis.

Miss Jessie Coleman has returned from Battle Creek, Mich., where she has been attending school.

Misses Ada and Melinda Hill accompanied by their brother Marcus, of Connersville, spent Sunday in the city the guest of relatives.

Mrs. Sarah Dent and her daughters the Misses Dent, entertained the Idle Hour Pleasure Club, last Thursday evening at their residence, 620 W. Eleventh street.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Coleman and their father and mother will celebrate their 25th and 50th anniversary respectively, next Monday evening at their residence, 604 N. Senate avenue.

Mr. Charles E. Hall, managing editor of the Illinois Record, of Springfield, Ill., was in the city this week attending the Broady-Stevenson wedding. Mr. Hall paid the Freeman sanctum a friendly visit and was well pleased with our establishment.

Rev. Dr. King, of Atlanta, Ga., will give a lecture at Simpson Chapel M. E. church next Thursday evening. Subject, "Travels and Experiences in Persia, Turkey and Jerusalem." Dr. King is an eloquent pulpit orator ,and it will be a treat to hear him.

The parlor musicale given by the Utopian Club last Monday evening was a decided success. A dainty menu was served by the club. Dancing was the chief feature of the evening. A duette was rendered by Misses Rhoda Nance and Lizzie Caldwell, which received enconiums of praise.

Mr. and Mrs. John Page entertained a number of young friends last Thursday in honor of the birthday of their daughter Miss Mamie. The dedicacies of the season were served and the evening was spent in cards, music and dancing. Miss Page was the recipient of many beautiful presents.

Dr. Ward returned Wednesday evening from Noblesville, in the interest of the Pythians. He was accompanied by Mr. Ed Perkins, formerly of that city. Mr. Perkins knows every man in Hamilton county and it being election time there, he complained terribly of sorenes in his right arm and hand as he and the Doctor came home.

Mr. A. V. Broady, of Springfield, Ill., and Miss Georgia Stevenson were married last Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, 824 Blake street. Mr. Chas. E. Hall, of Chicago, was best man and Miss Catherine Baughman was bridesmaid. Messrs. Thos. Broady and James W. Bolden, of Springfield, Ill., also assisted in the ceremonies. Mr. Broady, the groom, is one of the foremost young Afro-Americans of Illinois. He is ex-clerk of the State Senate committee and also ex-private secretary to State Senator Little. At present he is holding the very lucrative position of special reporter for the Chicago Tribune. Miss Stevenson is a leader of Indianapolis' "four-hundred" and is one of the most prominent young ladies in this State and Mr. Broady can congratulate himself upon obtaining a choice flower from the capital city society. The happy couple left for Chicago on the mid-night train Wednesday night, where they will reside in the future. The Freeman wishes them success upon the voyage of life.

Will Elect Officers.

The Alpha Home Association will meet at Corinthian Baptist church Thursday, March 10, at which time the annual election of officers will take place. The president desires to see every member present, also friends.

HULDA WEBB, Pres.
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Jottings From the "Hut."

Terre Haute, Ind., Special.—John W. Vogel's Darkest America Co., showed here on the 24th. * * Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Gann, of Paris, Ill., were in the city Thursday. * * Mrs. Lizzie Mahlin of Rackville was the guest of Mesdames Jayner and Braxton Saturday and Sunday. * * There will be "A March to Klondike" concert at the A. M. E. church, managed by W. J. King, of Indianapolis. * * John Booth has invented what is called a portable bicycle stand. * * Messrs. Bunn and Farmer, of Bloomingdale, were in the city on Sunday. * * Phillip Barber, of Marshall, Ill., spent Sunday here. * * The Primitive Baptist held their monthly meeting Saturday and Sunday. * * Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rexton held a reception in honor of Mrs. Rexton's brother, Mr. Cooper of the "Darkest America Co." * * Thomas Davis of Brazil passed through the city Monday enroute to Danville, Ill. * * Rev. Thomas of Indianapolis passed through the city Tuesday enroute to Evansville to take charge of the Second Baptist church in that city. * * Dr. A. L. spent several days last week in Henderson, Ky., the guest of his father.

News Budget.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—The Willing Workers Club of Logan Temple A. M. E. Zion church, met February 22, and after the usual business was disposed of, re-elected the following officers: J. J. Renfro, president; W. L. Maples, vice-president; Tinsley Davenport, treasurer; Miss Francis Alexander, financial secretary; Miss Belle Davis, recording secretary; Samuel Delaney, chaplain; H. W. Keaton, moderator. The Willing Workers will give an entertainment at an early date. * * The Royal Club will give an entertainment at Logan Temple March 28. * * Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Keaton entertained last Thursday evening from 7 to 11 p. m. * * The reception given at the Mt. Zion Baptist church Feb. 22, in honor of Rev. C. A. Bell was a grand affair. * * Mrs. Polly Magby's son died in Pittsburg, Pa., and was buried here Sunday, Feb. 27. * * Mrs. Susan Moore is on the sick list. * * R. W. Cannon made a flying trip to Greenville, last week. * * The entertainment given at Shiloh Presbyterian church for the benefit of the pastor, Rev. J. R. Riley, was largely attended. * * Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dockery are pleased over the arrival of a 15-pound boy. * *Richmond Marble is able to be out again. * * Henry Hardy was called to the bedside of his mother who is quite ill at her home in N. C. * * The instalation at the Mount Zion church last Sunday was largely attended. Rev. W. G. Parks preached the instalation sermon. Welcom address by Rev. C. A. Bell and A. J. Burns. These were responded to by Rev. W. R. Brown. * * Mrs. N. S. Smith is convalescing. * * Misses Anna Floyd and Margarette Luttrel have returned from Johnson City, where they have been teaching for several months, their schools having closed on account of the small pox scare. * * Wm. Lee left for Cincinnati the 28th. * * Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nichol's little daughter is improving. * * Mrs. Hester Thomas is expecting to go to Jonesboro in a few days to see her brother, who is quite ill. * * Miss Mary E. Hoard was confined to her bed a few days last week, but is better at present. * * Mrs. Wm. Bradley is able to go about again. * * Call at Mrs. N. S. Smith's Parlor Cafe and get The Freeman or ring up 545 New Phone.

Notes of Interest.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.—Mrs. Levi Smith is rapidly convalescing. * * Mrs. Scott Anderson continues to improve. * * Mrs. Mary Stinson died at her home in Hall, Landersdale County, Tenn. She was an exemplary Christian lady, and a member of the C. M. E. church of that city. * * The Stevens Lumber Company's planing mills burned Thursday, the 24th. * * The buildings occupied by Mr. Lewis Moore, Mrs. Jane Johnson and Miss Mary Will Johnson were set on fire in the East End by flying sparks, which spread to the First Baptist church, burning it; also the colored High school building and four dwelling houses belonging to B. F. Harton. Much excitement prevailed among the residents of the whole town, as it looked like the city would be destroyed. The First Baptist congregation will hold services in the Criminal Court room for the present. The total amount of property destroyed will amount of $90,000. * * About 175 colored men are out of employment. * * William Tucker was stricken with paralysis on Wednesday. * * Prof. W. H. Fort delivered an able address at the First Baptist church on Monday, Feb. 21. Mrs. Adolphus Scott made a few remarks. * * Willie Garret, a young member of the First Baptist church, died Tuesday night. Funeral services were held on Friday at Johnson's Chapel. Rev. F. W. Baker, D. D., officiated. * * Mrs. Minnie Hunt and mother, Mrs. Woodson, spent Friday in the city, the guest of Mrs. Menzie, on Cedar street. * * Charles Sawyer is now located at the Dobb's building, 290 S. Depot street. * * Miss Emma Richardson has returned to her home in Paducah. * * Miss Rosa Lee has located at 62 S. Clark street. * * Sylvester Tucker will soon leave for Marked Tree, Ark., where he will engage in the lumber business. * * N. M. Alston is now at the T. P. A. Tonsorial Parlors. * * Will Mulharon is in the city the guest of his family. * * Mrs. Pothena Lyte is suffering with a sprained ankle. * * Mrs. Rosana Pritchit is on the sick list. * * Mrs. Aggie Bradshaw, of the Fairview settlement, spent several days in the city, the guest of Mrs. Greer. * * Mrs. Wm. Kennedy will soon leave for Helena, Ark., to join her husband, where they will reside. * * Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Langford have returned to Helena, Ark. * * Messrs. Brack and Otis are the pastry cooks at the J. N. Pritchit bakery. * * Miss Onnie Woodson is on the sick list. * * Ellis Flowers will soon make some improvement on his home on South Depot. * * Emanuel Parker has been quite sick during the past week, but is improving. * * Gully Tucker and wife are up from Lenemo to see his father William Tucker. * * Messrs. Tom Clark and Peter Heatsinger were in the city on Thursday. The guest of Mrs. Douglas. * * Prof. R. H. Thompson is spending a few days in the city. He is teaching at Gates. * * Alex Smyth, South Colcut avenue is much improved in health. * * Local politics is in bloom about now. Every candidate meets you with a broad smile and a hearty handshake. You know the cause. * * James Donnell had charge of the boiler rooms and engine at the Stevens Lumber Co.'s planning mills prior to its burning on Thursday. * *Wesley Smyth holds the boiler and engine rooms for the same company at their big circular saw mill in this city. * * Mrs. Sallie Furguson is seriously ill at this writing. * * Quince Parr, who has been ill for the past two months is able to be out. * * Messrs. Lewis Moore and Richard Echford spent Friday in Genbern, Tenn., on business. * * Henry Lawson is now able to attend to business. * * Mrs. Martha Clark continues to improve. * * Lee Oliver has returned from Tigar Tail. * * Gilbert Harren has returned from the Plumb Orchard Mills. * * Mrs. Amandah Bishop and daughters gave a ball on Saturday night. It was a nice affair. * * Prof. G. D. Jelkes' subject on the 20th ult. before the Epworth League was "The Duty of the Church to the Pastor." Prof. E. W. Bailey's subject the Sunday prior to this was "The First Murder. Both were master pieces. * * Rev. John Lyte has moved to 236 N. High street. * * Mr. Vaughn's recent visit to Memphis, Tenn., has created much interest among the ex-slave pension advocates. * * Don't miss reading The Freeman. It is the leading Negro journal in America. It has fought and won many battles which tend to the elevation of the Negro, mentally and morally, throughout this broad land. It is a journal of the Negro, for the Negro and by the Negro.

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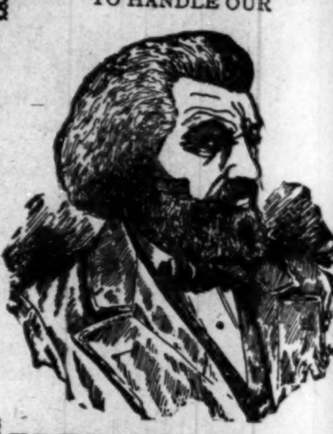

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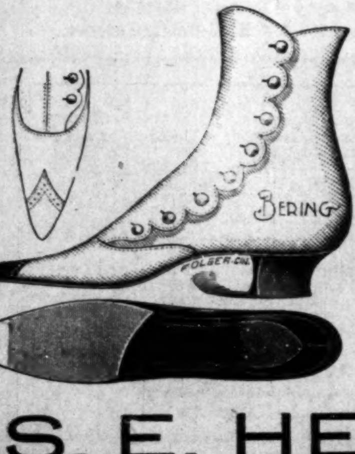

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